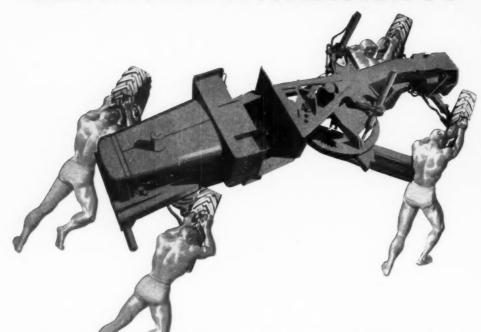
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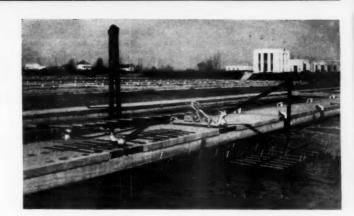
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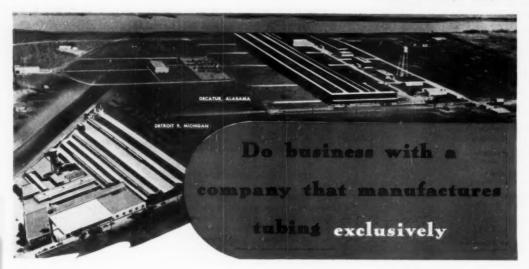
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That Mechanical Garbage Man

M ODERN mechanization can make, and in some cities has made, the job of the garbage collector pretty much a "white collar" position. In the same way, modern engineering has made sewage treatment plant operation far different than it was not so many years ago when some sewage plant operators looked—and smelled—

like what they were.

But to get back to garbage and refuse: Roanoke, Va., has installed a number of those big metal containers, leak-proof, fly-proof and rat-proof, which can take all of the refuse from a hotel, restaurant or business place. It has a truck, equipped with a hoist for handling these containers. At regular periods, along comes the truck; it hooks on to the container and totes it off to the disposal plant. In Roanoke, the containers used have a capacity of 6 cubic yards, and the truck handles as many as 25 containers in an 8-hour day. By mechanization, one man collects 150 cu, yds. a day.

Mechanization has been slow in coming to the refuse collection and disposal field. We congratulate the pioneers who have developed this new and better equipment. They have made a notable contribution, not only in more effective sanitation, but also in the related factors of attracting higher grade personnel and reducing costs.

To These Engineering Graduates

A NOTHER group of young engineers will shortly graduate from our colleges to enter engineering work. Most of them have all of the formal education that they will ever get. From now on they are largely on their own, and it is pretty much up to each one to determine how far he (or she) will go. It is no longer as easy to find jobs as it was a year or two ago; there is more and tougher competition; and the pay is likely to be less. But there is still a marvelous opportunity in engineering for service and for personal satisfaction.

Granted good technical training, the personal qualities of character, resolution, imagination and initiative are deciding factors in getting ahead. Engineers are not overly blessed with the two latter qualities, for some reason or other; but we believe that they can be developed by determination and effort on the part of the individual.

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We congratulate these young engineers on their selection of a profession, and we welcome them into our midst.

Mechanization Saves Money in Sewer Cleaning

A crew of four men, using equipment for mechanically cleaning built-in-place monolithic and the larger pipe sewers, performs six to eight times the work that the same crew did by hand methods. This is the experience of the Bureau of Street Repair of San Francisco, and the report goes on to state that, under previous conditions, cleaning was merely token service, except where actual sewer stoppages occurred. This situation, in the belief of the Director of Public Works, tended to reduce the capacity of the sewer system below design rating, and the question arises as to how much less sewer reconstruction might have been necessary if sewers had been properly cleaned during previous years.

Sewer cleaning is often one of the more neglected municipal engineering functions. It is pleasing to note that in some of our cities its importance is being recognized and its functioning is being placed on an efficient basis.

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N the 5 years from 1944 to 1948, San Diego, Calif., reduced lost-time injuries from 82.3 per million man hours to 21.5, according to the National Safety Council. Baltimore, Md., has reduced its annual compensation account charge by more than \$20,000 in nine years, and the accident frequency from 45.46 in 1948 to 27.45 in 1949, In 1949, the first year of its safety program, Oakland, Calif., reduced its accident frequency by 27%, representing a saving of more than \$100,000 saving a dollar for every 5 cents spent on employee accident prevention. In three years, West Palm Beach, Fla., has reduced the average cost of each employee injury from \$527 to \$137, principally by an organized safety program plus annual physical examinations. Akron, O., in twelve years reduced its workmen's compensation rate from \$2.28 per hundred dollars of payroll to 53 cents in 1949. All of these data are from the National Safety Council and they point the way to better management and lower cost of work.

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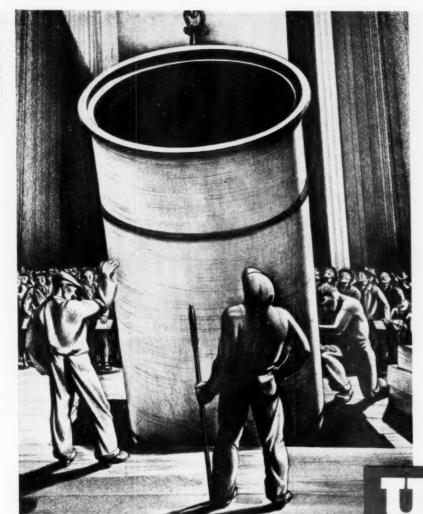


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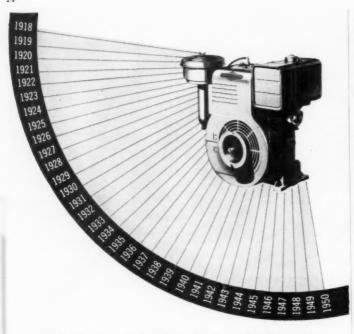
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That's a good column you have.
P. D. Carlson,
County Engineer,

Little Falls, Minn.
(Ed. Note: We have tried to furnish Nr. Carlson with the same material that we had sent to Mr. Melton.)

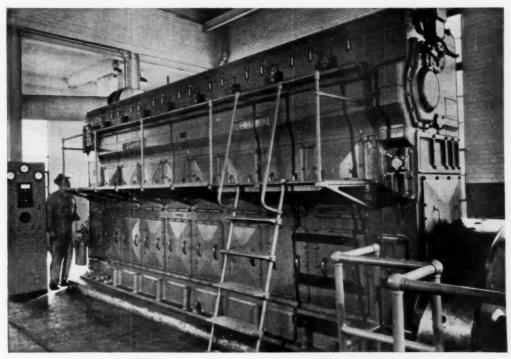
OUR APOLOGIES

On Page 30 of the March. 1950 issue of the PUBLIC WORKS magazine is an article written by A. R. MacPherson entitled "Deep Outfalls For Sewage and Sludge Disposal". We would appreciate your publishing this letter in an effort to correct several misstatements contained in the article.

The sewage disposal plant as outlined in the article was one method investigated and studied by the engineers in charge. This plan was discussed with the State Pollution Commission, but the plan was not approved by the Commission and has been completely abandoned by the City of Tacoma. However, the City will build at the approximate treatment plant site location shown on your map, but using a conventional primary treatment plant with the waste matter disposed of as fertilizer. The portions of your article dealing with the deep water outfalls are substantially correct, but the name of Tacoma's City Engineer is Mr. D. E. Morris.

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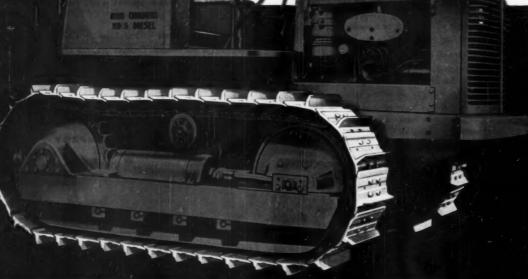
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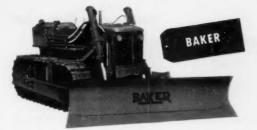
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J. S. Roberts, Commissioner of Public Works, Tacoma, Washington.

WE BLUSH A LITTLE

I appreciate receiving your magazine. It is tops and I like it.

> Tom S. Cathers, City Engineer, Marion, Ohio.

I enjoy greatly your magazine and the Manuals on Water, Sewerage and Streets. I have not received a recent Manual and would like to have one, if possible. The only thing of major proportion we plan this year are street improvements. We have just finished a major program of water and electrical improvements.

Virgil C. Knowles, City Manager, Holton, Kansas.

I look forward to each issue of Public Works because I always find very useful and valuable information in it.

> J. W. Emberg, City Engineer, Madison, So. Dak.

I enjoy your magazine very much.

Edwin C. Shreve, Jr., Water Plant Operator, St. Augustine, Fla.

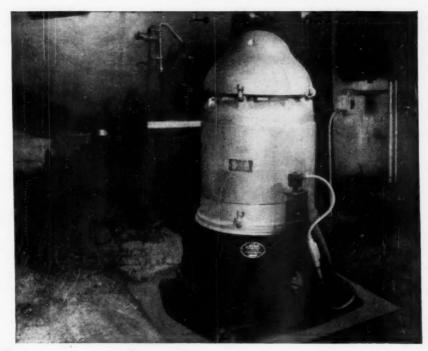
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C. C. Lanford, Supt. Commission of Public Works, Greer, S. C.

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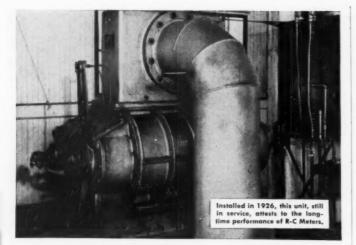
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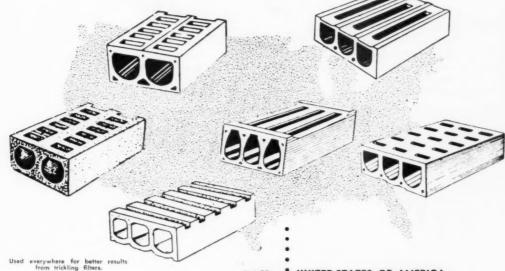
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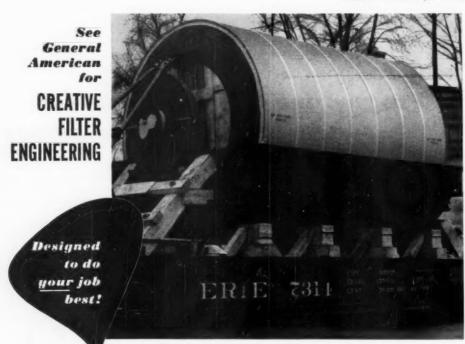
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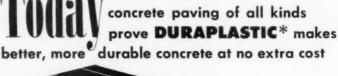
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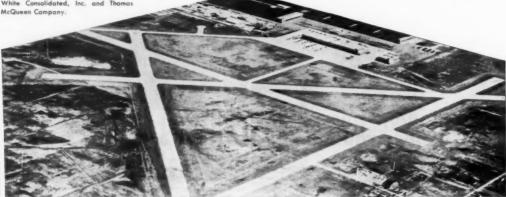
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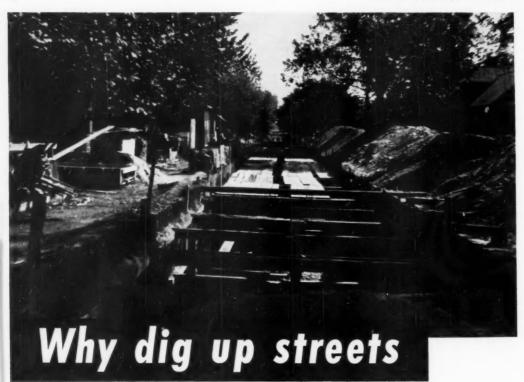
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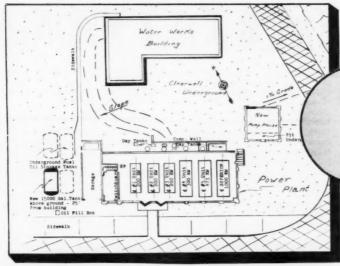
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SKETCH shows layout of power plant units at Newton Falls, Ohio.

NEW DIESEL ENGINE RAISES PLANT EFFICIENCY

O PERATING 24 hours a day since January, 1949, an 8cylinder, 1440-hp Superior diesel engine and 1006-kw. Ideal generator have taken over the job of five smaller diesel generator units in the municipal power plant at Newton Falls. Ohio. By this conversion Newton Falls raised its plant efficiency from 11.8 kw. to 13.54 kw. per gallon of fuel used. The older engines now operate only during peak load periods and during down time for the new engine, thus permitting the new diesel to operate normally at 50% to 80% of its full load capacity.

Operating costs have been reduced enough to produce a substantial profit. Latest operating reports indicated net profits of almost \$35,000 for the first 10 months of 1949 in the face of fuel oil prices that have doubled since 1940 when the plant began generating power.

During the 10-month period the new diesel operated a total of 6,468 hours and produced 4,121,700 kwh. of energy. The total for 1949 is expected to be well over 5,000,000 kwh. During the previous nine years, the entire plant output from the smaller engines amounted to 25,110,000 kwh. The city was first supplied with electric power as a village in 1904 by a small privately owned plant, using steam. In 1940, the municipality took over the plant. In the municipal plant, diesel engines were used from the start. The first three units were each of 200-hp. In 1947, power requirements had increased to 4.206,700 kwh. and two more units were purchased to increase total capacity to 1373 kw. Rapidly climbing peak loads in the latter part of 1948 indicated that another power unit would soon be needed. Although the principal consideration in the decision to buy a sixth diesel capable of handling the whole power load was improved efficiency and lowered operating costs, there were other lesser factors to consider. The power house had room for only one more unit. Unless it were comparatively large. the next increase would mean enlargement of the power house or disposal of one or more smaller units. With turbo-supercharging the 1440-hp. Superior engine and generator occupy but little more floor space than the 200-hp. units.

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The lubricating system is of the dry sump type, equipped with a full-flow strainer and filter of the paper disk type. All filtering equipment, engine oil sump tank, lube oil cooler strainer, and motor driven lube oil pump are easily accessible in the basement. The lube oil pump is a positive displacement type that circulates oil through the filter at 500 gallons per hour. New oil, which is an SAE-30 grade, is stored in 55-gallon drums.

Latest inspections showed the original oil to be clean and free from impurities. Low consumption of lubricating oil has produced an approximate net saving of \$1,100 for 11 months of operation as compared with the operation of the older engines. The lubricating oil required from January to September of 1949 was 2606 gallons as compared with 6104 gallons during the preceding

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SEWAGE TREATMENT



THERE were 5,786 sewage treatment plants, serving 5,480 communities, in the United States as of the end of 1945, according to the Public Health Service which maintains a continuing inventory of such plants. Of these plants, just about half, or 2,829 are of the primary treatment type; 2,799 are of the secondary treatment type; 98 provide intermediate treatment; and there are 60 others of miscellaneous, minor or unclassified types. The statistical report on this has just been completed.

Of the 2,829 primary treatment plants, 1,291, or nearly a half, are septic tanks; and there are 1,073 Imhoff tanks. Only 356 of the primary treatment plants included mechanically cleaned sedimentation tanks. In addition, there were 76 plants where hopper-bottom tanks were used and 33 others in which no tank details were given.

The types of secondary and intermediate treatment are of interest. Of the 2,897 secondary and intermediate treatment plants, the breakdown is: Activated sludge 324; chemical treatment 197; trickling filters 1,581, of which 1,459 are low rate and 122 are high rate; sand filters 448; contact beds 67; Dunbar filters 59; and contact aeration 17. In addition, application to land was reported in 422 cases, oxidizing ponds in 45 and magnetite filters in 19. There were 30 plants in which the treatment method was unclassified. Later in this article, the various types will be divided into population groups served; here the overall numbers will be given.

A suprisingly large number of the treatment plants are in the smaller communities. In fact, 8.4% of the total number of plants reported served communities of less than 500 population, and 18.3% of the plants reported are in communities of 500 to 1,000 population. The greatest number of plants, as well as the highest percentage, serve the population group of 1,000 to 5,000. These represent 48.8% of the total number of plants. Thus, about

75.5% of all sewage treatment plants are located in, and serve, places having populations of 5,000 or less. Naturally, there are many more of these smaller places—in fact about 20,000 of these are reported, as having a population in excess of 100, incorporated, unincorporated and "separate entities." It is no doubt in these smaller places that the great bulk of the septic and Imhoff tanks are to be found.

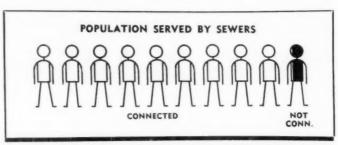
The communities having populations in excess of 5,000 number 2,–261, of which 2,042 are incorporated. This is according to the 1940 census. The plants in this population group amount to 24.5% of the total, or about 1,420 plants. Thus, treatment has been provided in about two-thirds of this group of communities.

the 50,000 to 100,000 population group, 64.7% of the plants utilize mechanically cleaned tanks and 29.5% Imhoff tanks.

Data on Secondary Treatment

It does not appear that any consideration has been given, in the discussion of plants providing secondary treatment, to the type of settling tanks used; only the methods of secondary treatment are listed. It is probably safe to assume that most of the plants listed below utilize mechanically cleaned tanks, though there are probably a good many Imhoff tanks also

Over 25 million people are served by the 2,897 intermediate and secondary treatment plants. Of these plants, 201 serve communities of



 MORE than 8,900 communities were served by sewer systems in 1945, with 91.9 percent of the population connected to the system.

Data on Primary Treatment

Though Imhoff and septic tanks together comprise about 83.5% of the total number of primary treatment plants, these types serve but 36.0% of the population. The 356 plants using mechanically cleaned tanks serve 55.7% of the population connected to primary treatment plants. The trend is clearly shown by the fact that in the population group under 500, septic tanks comprise 62.4% of all plants, Imhoff tanks 32.6%, and mechanically cleaned tanks only 2.5% of the plants. In the next population group -500 to 1.000-45.3% of the plants use septic tanks, 45.9% use Imhoff tanks, and 5.1% use mechanically cleaned tanks. In the 1,000-5,000 population group the proportions are: Imhoff tanks 39.0%, septic tanks 47.4% and mechanically cleaned tanks 9.8%. However, in

less than 500 population, including 6 activiated sludge, 71 standard rate filter, 3 high rate filter, 63 sand filter and 55 land application. In the 500 to 1,000 population group, there are 487 plants, including 31 activated sludge, 242 low rate trickling filter, 13 high rate trickling filter and 112 sand filter. The 1,000 to 5,000 population group has 1,381 secondary treatment plants, of which 69 are chemical treatment, 127 are activated sludge, 735 are low rate filter, 63 are high rate filter and 199 are sand filter.

The 415 plants serving the communities in the 5,000 to 10,000 population range include 39 chemical, 47 activated sludge, 215 low rate filter, 26 high rate filter and 47 sand filter. In the 10,000 to 25,000 group are 240 plants—38 chemical, 50 activated sludge, 128 low rate filter, 12 high rate filter and 25 sand filter, a total of 253 plants. In this case,

PLANTS AND METHODS

IN THE UNITED STATES

and usually throughout this article, numbers are not additive, since a plant may be listed under two or more types if two or more of the unit processes are used in the plant.

In the 173 plants serving communities of more than 25,000 population, there are 63 activated sludge plants, 68 low rate filter and 5 high rate filter.

Activated sludge treatment, used in 324 of the plants, serves 11.5 million persons; trickling filters, used in 1,581 plants, serves about 9.5 million persons.

treatment plants serving 34.2% of the persons contributing to treatment plants. In general, the use of chlorination increases as the size of the community increases. Only 15.1% of the plants in the smallest population group have chlorinating facilities, whereas 37.7% of the plants of the largest population group use chlorine.

Grit removal is practiced at 765 plants serving almost 28 million persons. Though only 13.2% of the plants are equipped with grit removal mechanisms, the plants so

equipped serve about 60% of the population connected to treatment plants. The use of grit chambers in small plants is limited—there are 52 installations in plants serving less than 1,000 people. There are 267 installations in the plants serving the 1,000 to 5,000 population group; and 148 in the 5,000-10,000 group.

Grease removal, as an integral part of the treatment process, is practiced at only 67 plants. However, these are practically all large plants, and the process serves a population of about 8 million.

Source of Data

These data, which are based on the 1945 Public Health Service inventory of water and sewage facilities, were summarized by John R. Thoman, sanitary engineer, who is stationed at the Environmental Health Center at Cincinnati. The data are available as a 30-page reprint, much of which is in tabular form. Copies of this reprint, or information on where and how to get it, will be furnished by the Editor of PUBLIC WORKS on request.



 OF the group connected to sewers, 37.3 percent discharged raw sewage and 62.7 percent was served by treatment plants of some sort.

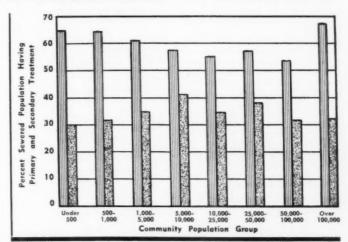
Sludge Processing and Disposal

Separate sludge digestion tanks are used at 1,372 plants and multistage digestion at 108 plants. Imhoff tanks are used for digestion at 2,409 plants and septic tanks at 1,695. The disposal of undigested sludge is reported at 32 plants.

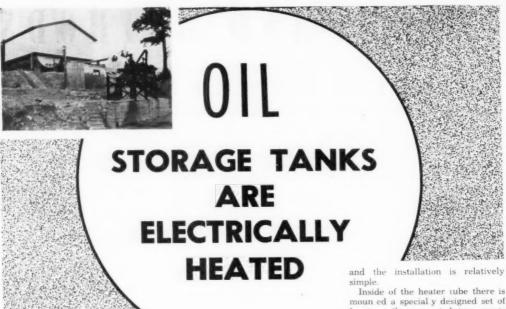
Drying beds are used at 3,764 plants, lagoons at 100 plants and mechanical dewatering devices, probably nearly all vacuum filters, at 102 plants. Over 1,700 plants report no sludge disposal facilities. Most of these are probably small septic and Imhoff tank installations where sludge is drawn infrequently. Elutriation of sludge is reported at 10 plants.

Other Methods of Treatment

There are 1,262 plants at which the sewage is chlorinated, this method being used at 21.8% of the



 PERCENT of sewered population having primary treatment is shown by bars at left; that with additional secondary treatment at right.



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A Typical Storage Plant

A typical plant consists of a 12 .-000-gallon storage tank, electrically heated: a loading tank of 3,000 gallons capacity, electrically heated: and the necessary control and handling facilities. Some of these plant units are shown in the accompanying illustrations.

The oil is received at our storage sites at a temperature of 175° to 200°. During the period when oil is being used continuously the temperature is kept at 200° in the storage tanks. This temperature is raised in the loading tank as may be required for application to the roadway surface. Longer hauls from the storage point to the road site may cause a variation in the required temperature at the delivery point and this temperature change is taken care of by the heaters in the loading tank.

Tanks are insulated with rockwool and jacketed with aluminum. An ordinary swing spout located slightly above the heating uni s provides the means for loading the distributor tank. Electric heaters lend themselves to simple automatic temperature control which requires little attention and a supply of heated material at uniform temperatures is available at all times. Boiler maintenance costs and steam line repairs are eliminated. The heating is accomplished through large tubular resistance heaters having diameters of the order of 31/2" and available in lengths up to 30'. Such heaters lend themselves well to typical storage tank configurations and the installation is relatively

moun ed a special y designed set of heater coils, supported in ceramic blocks, and so arranged that the entire assembly of coils and supporting blocks may be easily withdrawn. Because of the basic nature of the heater design, such heaters are automatically considered to fall in the vapor-proof classification and are substantially explosion-proof. By special arrangements they may be made entirely explosion-proof in the full sense of the term. Our heaters were engineered and manufactured by Ted Kinney of Western Factors, Seattle.

Electrical Heating Details

Electrically the design of the heaters is such that each heater comprises a balanced three-phase star connected load and the heaters may be designed for operation on either 230 or 460 volts although 230 volts is generally to be preferred. It is important to note that no transformers are required with this class of heater-also that no portion of the heater which carries the electrical potential used in heating is directly exposed to the asphaltic materials. The electrical design is such that the heater coils operate at black heat. Since the heater coils operate at such relatively low temperatures, and are to ally enclosed in a heavy steel tube, a life of many years can properly be expected. Also, due to the nature of heater design, it is obvious that the heater coils may be so engineered as to deliver to the tubular heater sheath any desired wattage density.

In summation the heaters described are of extremely heavy rugged construction. They lend themselves physically to the job to be done. They are conservative as to electrical design. They are flexible as to wattage density specifications. They are extremely simple to install or inspect and should maintenance ever be required they can be repaired from materials readily at hand.

Simple Automatic Control

Automatic temperature controls generally comprise a simple thermostat, which preferably both indicates and controls the storage temperatures, and a solenoid type enclosed contactor of suitable type used in conjunction with a standard "hand-off-automatic" switch. These confidence of the standard control of the standar

energy required to increase the temperature of the asphaltic materials from the "as received" to "as delivered from storage" is not a particularly large item in most cases. The power company usually makes a charge on the electrical demand which, for the average job, is a fairly constant portion of the total KW rating of the electrical heaters. Consideration of these factors suggests two points:

 Since the material is received hot and requires only a moderate temperature rise within the storage tanks, fairly wide variations in amount of materials handled through the system do not result in heavy changes in the power bill. A considerable portion of a typical bill is based on the other two factors involved.



 STORAGE facilities consist of two 7000-gallon main storage tanks which feed by gravity to a 2000-gallon loading tank. All three tanks are electrically heated and hold oil at 200° temperature.

trol items are available as standard equipment from a number of suppliers and present no problems when properly selected either as to suitability or reliability.

The Cost of Electricity

In contemplating the cost of operation of a typical plant it should be understood that the total monthly electrical bill is based on three factors: 1) Electrical energy used to make up radiation losses through the tank insulation; 2) Electrical energy used to raise the temperature of the asphaltic material from "as received" to "as delivered from storage." 3) Electrical demand charge.

Contrary to what might seem to be the case the amounts of electrical Calculations of total electrical in-put should be based on the first two factors rather than on the total heat required to bring the entire storage to delivery temperature from a cold start.

In the light of the foregoing regarding cost of operation, the tabulation below, taken from the records of the power company, is interesting. The figures shown are for operation during the 1949 summer months of a 16,000-gallon MC2 storage facility split between three individual tanks -two main storage tanks, each 7,000 gallons, cross-connected, and feeding into a 2,000-gallon load conditioning tank. The total rating of the heaters was 45 KW at 230-volt. three-phase, whereas the power company demand charge was based on an average demand of 34 KW:

May	\$68.97
June	90.57
July	83.37
August	84.81
September	79.05

Based on the regular power company heating rate, the average monthly bill for operating this 16,-000-gallon storage plant was slightly over \$80.00 per month for the five months from May through September. Further, the equipment was not shown favors of any kind and was used regularly and steadily in the usual manner of a typical county road district operation. A check of another similar 20,000-gallon storage, where a tally was kept on total gallons of asphaltic materials put through the plant, indicated a power cost of 21/2c per hundred gallons processed

The arrangement, which has been found quite satisfactory for electrically heated storage facilities in the range of 15,000 to 25,000 gallons capacity, is to have one or more main storage tanks cross-connected to a smaller "loading" tank. The main storage tanks are carried at perhaps 25° F. below the ultimate required delivery temperature, the final temperature being attained in the so-called loading tank. This makes for low radiation losses in the main storage tanks and is off-set by having slightly greater heater capacity in relation to vo'ume in the loading tank. If a natural hillside is available it is desirable to arrange the main storage tanks above the loading tank in such a manner that gravity flow takes place.

The plant, as described, has been more than satisfactory. It has been economical to operate and has provided a most convenient source of supply.



 CLOSE-UP SHOWS ends of tubular heating elements.

 SURFACE water is treated with baffle mixing, settling and filtration at Cumming, Ga. Circular clearwell provides water storage.

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N many water works circles the thought prevails that small water purification plants with capacities of less than approximately 0.5 million gallons per day are impractical, inefficient and uneconomical; however, such is not necessarily the case. The same basic principles of chemistry, physics and other sciences apply to the small as well as to the large plant. It is merely a matter of adapting these principles to small scale practices.

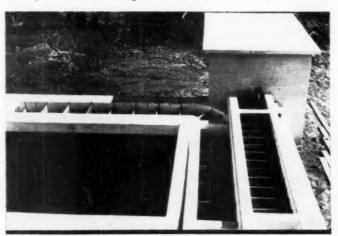
The fact is readily conceded that both the initial and operational cost of a filtration plant will usually exceed that of a ground water supply (receiving no treatment other than chlorination) where ground water is available; yet even in communities of around 500 population these small filtration plant systems amortize their initial costs and pay their way although water rates are held to reasonably low levels.

SMALL Filtering

the fact that the geological formations beneath considerable areas of North Georgia are extremely poor aquifiers. Large springs or wells with yields sufficient for a municipal or industrial supply are rare, consequently all of the larger and many of the smaller towns have been compelled to develop water supplies from surface streams. At one time five Georgia communities of 300 to 500 population were operating complete water purification plants, each with rated capacity of 50 gallons per minute, and at the present there are more than thirty such plants in operation with capacities of less than 0.5 million gallons per day.

Small Plants Are Practical

One basic difference does exist between the large city plant and that serving the small village. This is the matter of operation. The city plant is under the management of a superintendent, frequently a grad-



 "OVER and under" type of baffle mixing basin is frequently used in small water plants. This view shows the plant at Hartwell, Ga.

These small plants are practical if for no other reason than that they afford public water supplies to many small communities which otherwise would be without a public system. This is illustrated by

uate engineer, who directs an operational crew of trained technicians and skilled mechanics. Obviously few communities in the one or two thousand population class can afford an operational staff of this

PLANT EXPERIENCES Surface Water in Georgia

caliber, desirable though such may be. Consequently the smaller plants are frequently operated by persons without a great amount of formal technical training. Yet the smaller the plant the more versatile the operator must become for, in addition to handling production, he may be required to look after distribution, meter reading, customer complaints and perhaps a number of other matters. To design a water plant which these small communities can afford and which can be depended upon to produce a satisfactory water at all times is a challenge to both engineer and equipment manufacturer alike. Both have made progress although interrupted at times when some town found itself the guinea pig in proving some previously untried or inadequately tested feature of design, equipment or process only to have this prove unsatisfactory.

Factors in Design

The writer is of the firm opinion that it is a mistake to make these small purification plants highly automatic. In the first place, such essential details as regulating the amounts of coagulants with varying raw water conditions cannot yet be handled automatically; secondly, more technical knowledge and skill may be required to keep some of the automatic features operating properly than is readily available in many of the smaller towns; and last, so called automatic equipment encourages the idea, especially with



LABORATORIES are essential for good plant control.

many false-economy-minded city fathers, that it is unnecessary for an operator to be on duty when the purification units are in service. On the other hand, certain automatic features may be practical in even the smallest plants.

Emphasis must be placed upon designing these small plants with as many factors of safety as are economically possible. If money is scarce, and it usually is, provision should be made for safety, efficiency and convenience of operation first and ornamentation second, never overlooking, however, the importance of keeping a plant neat and clean. It is a food processing plant meriting the same careful attention as a dairy, bakery or a restaurant kitchen.

Experience indicates the desirability of giving special consideration to some of the units in these small plants as discussed in the following paragraphs. Current practice at plants in Georgia is shown in the table on the following page.

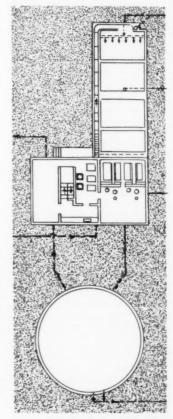
Raw Water Supply

Raw water storage is not generally practiced by the small plants, the trend being to pump water direct from stream to mixing basin. One reason for this is that the cost of an impounding or raw water storage reservoir may be more than the town can afford. On a flashy stream which may become highly turbid at times a raw water reservoir offers such advantages as permitting natural sedimentation, equalizing raw water quality, provision of reserve supply for dry weather flows; simplification of intake problems; and, where topography permits, elimination of raw water pumps. Disadvantages include relatively high construction costs; algae growths necessitating taste and odor control: excessive siltation on some streams; and occasionally hostile relationships with the communities' swimmers or fishermen. Good fish propagation depends upon abundant algae growths which are incompatible with good water supplies.

Another disadvantage in some areas is an increase in iron and manganese content of the water which may occur months or years after the reservoir is constructed. Apparently these elements are dissolved from the clays and other formations in the bottom of the reservoir under the anaerobic and acid conditions in the bottom waters formed by the decomposition of the organic matter in the settled silt.

To store or not to store should be decided by local conditions in each

One pressing need for the plant taking water from a small sand, silt and/or leaf laden stream is a simple, inexpensive intake which will keep



 LAYOUT of the 300 GPM water plant at Douglasville, Ga.

sand out of the pumps and will not become clogged with trash or leaves especially on cold, rainy nights with the stream at flood stage!

Chemical Feed Equipment

With good equipment and careful and skilled attention small amounts of alum and soda ash may be applied more accurately as solutions than is possible by dry feed machines while lime and activated carbon are difficult to apply as solutions.

In recent years several manufacturers have developed dry feed machines which are proving quite satisfactory for even the smallest plants. Some machines, however, are impossible of regulation at the low



COMPACT plant treats 150 G.P.M. at Buchanan, Ga.

rates required. Dry feed machines offer the advantages that their discharge may be quickly and accurately checked; they require less space, less time and attention to recharge and regulate and are usually less messy than solution feeders.

If care is exercised in securing dry feeders accurate within the low ranges required for these small plants they are to be preferred to solution feeders for applying such chemicals as lime, alum, soda ash and activated carbon.

The desirability of prechlorination is becoming more and more evident for such plants and if this is practiced, liquid chlorine may be used in even the smallest plants as the amounts of chlorine applied will come within the range of chlorinating machines available today.

When rates are less than 100 gallons per minute the use of hypochlorites may be more satisfactory than liquid chlorine on final effluents.

Mixing Basins

Until recent years the importance of proper mixing in the coagulation process was frequently overlooked. The term "mixing basin" is a misnomer as it accomplishes con-

siderably more than merely mixing the chemicals with the water. Both time and energy as well as correct dosage are necessary for efficient floc formation.

If as much as two or three feet of head may be lost through the basin a properly designed "over and under" baffle type mixing basin gives excellent results at these small plants. A minimum of 30 and preferably 45 to 60 minutes retention in the mixing basin is usually desirable. High velocities in the inlet end gradually reducing toward the discharge end are customary.

Local experiences with mechanical mixing devices on these plants have been most unsatisfactory. Few have equalied and most have fallen far short of the results obtained from a good gravity mixer. Many of these mechanical installations have been discarded outright either because of poor results obtained or because of mechanical failure and high maintenance cost. In a gravity mixer about the only maintenance cost is the occasional replacement of the top wooden baffles which are not submerged at all times.

Current Practice at 31 Georgia Water Treatment Plants of Less Than 0.5 M.G.D. Capacity

Raw Water -	
Storage Basins	9
Direct from Stream	22*
Gravity to Plant	5
Pumped to Plant	26
Chemical Feed -	
Dry Feeders	27
Solution Feeders	4
Mixing Basin —	
Gravity Baffle	24
Mechanical	7
Filter Medium -	
Sand	29
Anthracite	2
Filter Wash —	
Wash Water Pump	23
Wash Water Tank	2
From City System	6
Disinfection —	
Prechlorination	14"
Postchlorination	17
Liquid Chlorine	27
Hypochlorites	4

*Several plants practice both pre and post chlorination.

Emergency Pumping Equipment 10

Settling Basins

The first factor of safety here is time. Six hours theoretical retention should be a minimum for these small plants. Rectangular basins with length to width ratio of 2.5 or 3 to 1, or even more, appear to give better effluents than square or circular, radial flow basins.

Short circuiting due to temperature changes reduces retention time far below the theoretical. To overcome this a so-called "stilling wall" or other device which will provide reasonably uniform distribution of the incoming water both vertically and horizontally deserves careful engineering attention.

Still another safety factor, the importance of which has been frequently overlooked, is the location of the settling basin overflow. Structural expediency usually determines this: however, if it is placed at the outlet end of the mixing basin, an operator, by closing down the filters, may permit uncoagulated water to overflow to waste whenever the floc is "lost". This condition occurs at times especially following sudden heavy rains or upon starting up a plant after some material change in raw water characteristics has occurred since it was previously closed down. Ofttimes 30 minutes or more are required to reestablish good flocculation. In the meantime with this arrangement poorly coagulated water may be wasted rather than passed to the settling basin where its effects persist for many hours and results in shortened filter runs or poor quality plant effluent.

Multiple skimming weirs at the discharge end of the settling basin furnish applied water on the filters far superior in quality to that obtained over submerged weirs or other less efficient means of taking water from settling basins.

Filters

If a thorough job has been done up to this point, little work should be left for the filters; but because poorly flocced and settled water does occasionally reach the filters they must still be regarded as a major factor of safety. For the same reason the trend toward rates considerably in excess of 2 gallons per square foot per minute reduces this factor which is a mistake in the case of these small plants.

The writer prefers sand to anthracite as filtering material in these units, admittedly without too much justification other than that any ad-

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ALUMINUM

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SEWAGE TREATMENT

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A TTRACTIVE appearance of sewage treatment plant facilities with a minimum of maintenance is the goal of most plant designers. Many design engineers are constantly striving through the use of corrosion resistant materials to make this desire a reality. During the past twenty years, light weight aluminum alloys have contributed substantially to the achievement of this goal.



Aluminum alloys have high resistance to corrosion caused by the substances usually found in sewage. Hydrogen sulfide, for example, often present during various stages of the sewage treatment process, has little effect on aluminum even at high temperatures. Mixtures of hydrogen sulfide and gaseous ammonia do not attack aluminum, and aqueous ammonia attacks the metal only superficially with the formation of a protective coating which effectively prevents further action.

Organic acids as a class are not seriously corrosive to aluminum, although formic acid and organic acids containing chlorine are exceptions. Methane, the predominant gas in the mixture commonly called sludge or digester gas, is harmless to aluminum.

Strictly domestic sewages, although they may vary in strength from one community to another, generally contain substances of very similar character. In 1931, test specimens of several aluminum alloys were exposed at various stages in disposal plants throughout the country. At the end of a two-year exposure period, the specimens were so little affected by the domestic sewage that it was believed that aluminum could be successfully employed for submerged applications in domestic sewage plants. Numerous installations made since that time have shown that this is the case.

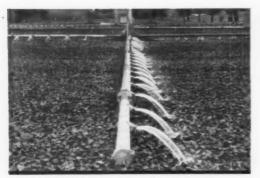
Tests have also been made on aluminum alloys in plants where combined domestic and industrial sewage are prevalent. While the experience gained by exposure of aluminum in these cases has given generally favorable results, no allinclusive recommendations can be made. Any selection of metals must depend upon an evaluation of local conditions.

Operating Applications

The earliest known application of aluminum alloys for sewage treatment operations in this country dates back to 1921, when under the direction of William M. Piatt, Consulting Engineer of Durham, N. C., aluminum sheets were used as liners for cast iron diffuser plate holders at a plant in Gastonia, N. C. The success of this application led to further study and eventually resulted in the development of a cast aluminum diffuser plate holder.



 APPLICATIONS of aluminum are shown in this view which includes aluminum slide gates, bar screen grating and curb angle.





• DISTRIBUTOR arms made of aluminum pipe.

• GREASE skimmers are another application.

During the period from 1930 to 1942, about 30 known installations of this cast aluminum product were made.

For the most part, cast aluminum diffuser plate holders have given excellent, low maintenance service. The few cases in which galvanic action was encountered illustrate the importance of avoiding dissimilar metal connections or guarding against them by means of insulation. Following this first application of aluminum in sewage treatment the metal has been used very successfully in many other items of equipment. Aluminum alloys that have given outstanding service for up to fifteen years with no signs of failures are now being employed in more than one hundred sewage treatment plants. Many of these applications are particularly important from the standpoint of appearance and maintenance.

Slide ga'es and guides are among the most widely used aluminum alloy applications for sewage treatment plant equipment. The light weight of the metal, about one-third that of steel, permits manual operation of many gates where mechanical equipment would otherwise be required. The excellent resistance to corrosion of aluminum alloys has also made them the choice of many engineers for both manually and mechanically operated gates. Gates are usually fabricated from flat plate stiffened where necessary with structual shapes.

Weirs and seum and grease collection systems made from aluminum have established enviable records. Like many aluminum applications, these light metal units have reduced maintenance problems by eliminating shutdown time for painting.

The items mentioned so far are usually fabricated to the engineer's design by so-called "Job Shops." There is no reason, however, why a standard line of such aluminum alloy equipment cannot be established, and some manufacturers are doing this. In recent years, fabricators throughout the country have acquired a background in the handling of aluminum alloys. Today, the progressive metal working shops are equipped and experienced to a point where building with aluminum alloys has become routine.

Screens and Distributors

Installations of bar screens fabricated from aluminum have also given satisfactory performances. In addition to its resistance to corrosion, the aluminum alloy used for this application has the strength necessary for the rough treatment to which bar screens may be subjected. Aluminum alloy bar stock is available in the standard sizes usually employed for screens, so that the screens can be obtained with the same facility as those made of other metals.

Aluminum alloys applied to rotary distributors for trickling filters have proved their wor'h in reducing maintenance and improving plant appearance. One outstanding example is the unit installed in 1935 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where aluminum pipe was used for the distributor arms. Although this equipment has never been shut down for maintenance painting, it still is in excellent condition. Smaller distributor units have been made which included cast aluminum center columns. Aluminum allovs are ideal for rotary distributors, regardless of

The use of aluminum alloys is particularly advantageous for such purposes as motor and equipment housings which frequently require constant maintenance programs. If aluminum is used, the housing surface keeps its pleasing, metallic appearance without painting. For the same reason, tread plates, sidewalk doors and manhole steps, also available in aluminum alloys, improve the appearance of any plant.

Architectural Applications

Aluminum architectural items are well established in the cons ruction field, and their value is even more pronounced in the corrosive atmosphere about a sewage treatment plant. Aluminum has served in this capacity for many years with very little maintenance.

Most aluminum architectural items can be obtained as easily as those of other materials. For example, many of America's foremost window manufacturers stock and supply aluminum windows in a wide variety of types and sizes. These windows have a decorative appearance and their trouble-free operation makes them economical. Many manufacturers feature combination windows of aluminum, including interchangeable storm and screen sash. Many windows are



 WEIR plates are made of corrosion-resistant aluminum.

manufactured from extruded aluminum shapes, although some are made by the die cast method or from formed sheet sections.

Aluminum doors and door hardware are produced by a number of manufacturers. These doors available in standard sizes, in either flush or panel styles, or they may be fabricated to specification from hollow extruded shapes and sheet. Such doors are lightweight, fire resistant, sound deadening and impervious to dampness. S'andard hardware items include butts, locks, door handles, push bars, push plates and kick plates.

Handrail pipe is also readily available in aluminum. Standard pipe sizes in 1½ inches, 2 inches and larger can be obtained in 12 and 20-foot lengths from aluminum pipe distributors. Handrail pipe fittings are available in both the flush and threaded types. If an ornamental railing is desired, it can easily be obtained through a contractor. Necessary ornamental handrail accessories are also available and many standard shapes are stored by aluminum distributors.

Aluminum is finding extensive use as ventilating and air-conditioning grilles, sidewalk gratings, utility stair tread and platform gratings. Most manufacturers of floor grating are now producing in aluminum and safe-load tables can be obtained from them. Aluminum gratings such as these need no protective coating of paint, have high strength and are non-sparking.

Other architectural items which add to the appearance of a sewage treatment plant are stairs, ladders, thresholds, louvers, skylights, roofing gravel stops, flashings, coping, spandrels and ventilating ducts. The Easterly Sewage Treatment Plant at Cleveland, Ohio, completed in 1938, is an excellent example of the beauty and durability of architectural items as applied to the buildings of a treatment plant.

There are important electrical applications of aluminum which can also be used to advantage in sewage treatment plants. Some of these are lighting fixtures, fittings, wiring devices, conduit, and insulated wire and cable, all of which are in common use in industry.

Aluminum is available in standard forms and there are no unusual problems in using it. The metal can be obtained in the form of plate and sheet, structural shapes, wire, rod, bar, tubing of all types, forgings, castings of all kinds, rivets,



 INTERIOR view of incinerator building shows aluminum gratings, treads and skylight.

nails, screw machine products and special items. Drilling, punching, threading, sawing, milling, planing and other machining operations can be performed on aluminum in accordance with commonly accepted practices. In addition, aluminum alloys can be joined by all the usual methods, including welding and riveting, in such a way as to present a neat and finished appearance.

Relative Cost

Some aluminum applications may cost a little more than those made from the more common ferrous materials, but since aluminum will not require frequent paintings, there is a constantly accumulating saving in maintenance expense which soon offsets the higher original cost. Alu-

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TABLE I—ALUMINUM APPLICATIONS IN WIDE USE IN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

Application		Product	Recommended Alloy*		
	Slide Gates and Guides	Sheet or Plate Rolled Shapes Extruded Shapes	Alclad 3S-H14 or Alclad 4S-H34 61S-T6 63S-T5		
	Weirs	Sheet or Plate	Alclad 3S-H14 or Alclad 4S-H34		
	Scum and Grease Collectors	Sheet or Plate Pipe	Alclad 3S-H14 or Alclad 4S-H34 63S-T6		
	Bar Screens	Bar	61S-T6		
	Rotary Distributors	Tubing Cost Fittings	63S-T6 214		
	Motor & Equipment Housings	Sheet or Plate Rolled Shapes Extruded Shapes	Alciad 3S-H14 or Alciad 4S-H34 61S-T6 63S-T5		
	Manhole Steps	Forging	61S-T6		
	Floor Gratings	Bar	615-T6		
	Tread Plates	Plate	61S-T6		
	Ventilating Ducts	Sheet	3S-H14		

^{*}Rivets when required should be of alloy 53S-T61.
*Nuts & Bolts when required should be of alloy 24S-T4 with #205 alumilite finish.

TABLE 2—TYPICAL *MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF RECOMMENDED ALUMINUM ALLOYS

y & Tensile Yield		Elongation		Brinell	Shearing
Lb/Sq. In.	Lb/Sq. In.	Sheet 1/16" Thick	Round Spec. 1/2" Diameter	riaraness	Strength Lb/Sq. In.
25,000	12,000	_	9	50	20,000
21,500	19,000	8	16	40	14,000
21,500	19,000	8	16	40	14,000
34.000	27,000	9	12	63	18,000
		_			23,000 **
45,000	40,000	12	17	95	30,000
30,000	25,000	12		65	18,000
35,000	30,000	12	_	73	22,000
	25,000 21,500 21,500 34,000 45,000 30,000	Strength Lb/5q. In. L5/5q. In. L5	Strength lb/sq. In. Strength lb/sq. In. Perce Sheet/ Thick 25,000 12,000 — 21,500 19,000 8 21,500 19,000 8 34,000 27,000 9 45,000 40,000 12 30,000 25,000 12	Strength Lb. Sq. In. Strength Lb. Sq. In. Percent In 2 In. Round Spec. In. In 16 In. Round Spec. In 16 In. In 16 In. In In. In In. In. In. In. In. In. I	Strength Lb. Sq. In. Strength Lb. Sq. In. Percent In 2 In. Round Spec. Hardness 25,000 12,000 — 9 50 21,500 19,000 8 16 40 21,500 19,000 8 16 40 34,000 27,000 9 12 63 45,000 40,000 12 17 95 30,000 25,000 12 — 65

^{**}Shear strength of driven rivet.
*These are not guaranteed minimum properties

How to lay TAR SURFACE

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PRACTICALLY every highway department, large or small, wherever located, carries on a large mileage of bituminous surface treatment work each year. It is a simple operation and yet one that can cause a lot of trouble if not done exactly right.

Most surface treatment work is placed over bituminous, brick or concrete surfaces although a considerable amount of new gravel and macadam is treated each year. After the prime coat has been applied to the new gravel or macadam, the conditions are about the same as those of a bituminous surface.

The object of the treatment is to waterproof the existing surface, and provide a new traffic resisting top. Many factors will influence the efficiency of the surface treatment to accomplish these results.

Preparing the Surface; Materials

Holes should be patched, preferably some time prior to the surface treatment to permit the patches to be consolidated under traffic. The surface to be treated should be clean and dry. At one time this was a

major operation but now, with almost 100% automobile traffic, cleaning is not much of a problem, except along the edges. The lighter tars will penetrate through dirt and dust on the road surface while the heavier grades will not. Therefore, more care in cleaning is necessary if a heavy tar is used.

All grades of tar from RT-2 to RT-12 have been used successfully for surface treatment work. The lighter grades are generally specified for the poorer surfaces and the heavier ones for the better surfaces. Climatic conditions will also influence the choice, the heavier materials being used in warm Southern climates and the lighter grades in the colder climate in the North. The heavier grades will set up quicker on the road, and are thus less objectionable to traffic.

The amount of tar to be used on any specific job will depend upon the condition of the existing surface and the grade of tar to be used. An open surface will require more tar than a tight, closed one to obtain equal results.

The amounts actually used vary from ^{1}s to $^{1}2$ gallon per square yard. Even a half-gallon does not make a thick layer when spread uniformly over a square yard. If none of the tar is absorbed by the road surface the layer is only 0.089 inch thick. This thin layer must waterproof the existing pavement and hold the cov-

ering aggregate tight enough to resist displacement by traffic.

Aggregate Information

The covering aggregate may be sand, gravel, stone or slag. Sand is used only on light tar—generally not heavier than RT-4—or on very light applications (about ½ gallon per square yard) of the heavier grades.

The maximum size of the covering aggregate depends upon both the grade of tar and the amount of tar used. The aggregate size should vary directly with the quantity and viscosity of the tar. The more and the heavier the tar used, the larger the size of aggregate which can be held on the road surface. Top sizes will run up to ³4-inch although this size is rarely used.

The amount of aggregate needed for covering will depend upon the amount of tar available for holding the cover. In theory the quantity of tar should be sufficient to immerse the lower two thirds of the depth of the covering aggregate. If more tar is used the road may bleed. On the other hand if less is used the aggregate may be displaced by traffic. The commonly used rule of ten pounds of stone for each one-tenth gallon of tar is not far wrong, but must be modified to fit the individual job.

For the smaller aggregate sizes a practically one-sized material ap-



 TAR application of V₈ to V₂ gal. per sq. yd. bonds aggregate and waterproofs surface.



 SURFACE is covered with sand, gravel, stone or slag. Quantity depends on amount of tar.

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pears to be satisfactory. For the larger sizes there should be sufficient fines partially to fill the voids. Too much fine material, however, may form a coating on the tar and prevent the larger particles from adhering to the road. From 10% to 30% passing the No. 4 sieve is generally adequate.

Weather Conditions

The ideal condition would be to have the road surface dry and the covering aggregate damp, but not wet. Investigation has shown that tar will not stick to a pavement when the pavement is wet. However, if the treatment can be protected from the action of traffic until it dries, the tar will adhere to the pavement and the treatment will be successful. On the other hand a shower, even immediately after the tar has been applied to a dry road, will usually do no damage. In very hot weather the tar should be kept at as low a temperature as possible in the distributor and still spray satisfactorily. In fact this is a good rule for all surface treatment appli-

Details of Procedure

On practically all jobs the aggregate is spread by machinery. This results in a more uniform and more accurate distribution of the covering material than when the work is done by hand.

If one of the lighter tars and a sand cover are used, the surface may be dragged with a sled drag. This will remove minor irregularities and produce a satisfactory surface. This is not true where a heavy tar and a larger sized aggregate are used. In this case the drag will tear the surface and satisfactory results will not be obtained. A broom drag may be used to distribute the covering material evenly.

There seems to be little necessity for rolling the lighter tars having a sand cover. Traffic will compact them adequately while the tar is curing. If the work is properly done there is no reason why this should be objectionable to traffic if the cars are not driven too fast while the tar is setting. For heavier tars and larger aggregate better results will be obtained by sweeping, and rolling the aggregate into the tar. The rolling should follow closely the application of the covering aggregate.

All authorities agree that better results would be obtained if the road could be closed to traffic for twenty-four hours to permit the tar to set. However, the best we can do. in most cases, is to permit driving over the surface as soon as the aggregate is applied and try to have the speed of traffic reduced.

In some cases the covering aggregate has been previously coated with about 2% by weight of a light tar. This cuts the dust on the surface of the aggregate particles and gives better adhesion. However, it is an extra operation and some question exists as to its worth.

Once in a while a job done with heavy tar in the late fall will bleed during the following spring. Sometimes also a job will bleed during the same season. The usual corrective method is to apply additional cover. This will not be successful if the same sized cover is used as was used on the original treatment. The covering aggregate must be smaller. One of two things may have happened. Either too much tar was used in the original treatment and it has buried the aggregate; or, for some reason, the aggregate has been removed from the treatment. In either case only a very thin layer of tar remains on the surface even though it may look like a lot. Clean sand or similar sized aggregate should be used to blot up the excess tar. Most jobs of this sort turn out to be excellent surface treatments. Another corrective measure is to apply an additional surface treatment over the bleeding road. It looks foolish but it works.

Surface treatments will probably be with us for a long time. After all they are the cheapest, and often the best way to maintain many pavement surfaces. Proper selection of materials and correct application procedure will produce good looking and long lasting results.



 BROOM drag attached to roller may be used
 FINISHED tar surface treatment provides a good to distribute the covering material evenly.



looking traffic resisting highway top.



Courtesy Metcalf & Edd)

 CHLORINATOR building for Cleveland Brook water supply. THE design and operation of small water supplies constitute a problem on which specific literature is scant. Following the publication some time ago in this magazine of a series of articles on "Small Sewage Treatment Plants," requests were received for similar data on small water works. Information has been obtained from State Sanitary Engineers and from manufacturers of equipment suitable for small plant installations. This is the first of a series of articles which will be

information in the preliminary report, this will include: (a) Present and future population; (b) daily demand for water; (c) allowance for water losses; (d) if a surface supply (1) chemical analysis of the water; (2) water shed area, population and description; (3) estimated runoff and pollutional sources; (e) if a ground water supply (1) number, depth and character of proposed and adjacent installed wells (or springs); (2) definite information on subsurface

FACTORS in PLANNING



Courtesy Stanley Engr. Co

 FILTER plant recently completed at Clear Lake, La.



Courtesy Chicago Bridge & Iron Co

 WATER storage smooths pumping and gives fire protection for small communities published from time to time during the next several months. The excellent article in the February issue of PUBLIC WORKS by W. W. Towne, and others of a similar nature which will appear later, should be considered a part of this series.

State Board of Health Requirements

Few state departments of health have specific regulations governing the basic designs of small water supply and purification plants, though nearly all of them require the submission of detailed plans and of rather complete engineering reports. Such specific requirements regarding treatment as have been made available to us will be given in the appropriate sections of later articles.

Texas recommends the submission of a preliminary report "in order for the design data to be discussed prior to the preparation of the detailed plans." This procedure is probably acceptable to and desired by all state health departments. Items to be covered in the preliminary report include: (a) Statement of the problem; (b) present and future areas to be served, with population data; (c) source of supply and character and quantity of the water; (d) proposed site of plant; (e) type of treatment, equipment to be used, and capacity; and (f) basic design data, as detention periods in settling basins, filter loadings, ground water hydraulics, fire protection, etc.

A complete engineering report must be submitted with the final plans, giving the data on which the design is based. In addition to the strata; (3) analyses of the water or, in the absence of this, analyses of neighboring and similar supplies; and (4) information on flooding of the site, casing protection and sealing methods.

Treatment methods to be covered in detail include: (a) method of treatment and description of units; (b) full data on pumps, if used; (c) rate of operation of each unit of the plant; (d) provision for laboratory control; (e) method of disposal of wash water or sludge; (f) description of special devices; (g) special methods of maintenance or operation; (h) reserve or standby units; and (i) factors in the general location of the plant. A general map on a scale of 100 to 300 ft. to the inch should be prepared.

California has very complete requirements covering early contact, discussion, report, plans and investigation by the staff of the State Sanitary Engineer.

Volume of Water For Fire Protection

In most cases, a water supply is as much a source of fire protection for the small community as it is a convenience or a protection to health. The savings in insurance premiums is often a considerable factor in constructing a water supply. In most cases, therefore, the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters will markedly influence design.

In general, the following requirements for fire flow will govern: For a community of 1,000 population, provision must be made for a flow of 1,000 gallons per minute for 5 hours; for 1,500 population, the flow must be at the rate of 1,250

gpm for a duration of 5 hours; for 2,000 population, the flow provided must be at the rate of 1,500 gpm for a period of 6 hours; for 3,000 population, 1,750 gpm for 7 hours; for 4,000 population, 2,000 gpm for 8 hours; and for 5,000 population, 2,250 gpm for 9 hours. These requirements, which may be met by storage or by pipe line capacity, apply during a period of 5 days of maximum domestic consumption.

The basis for these are "in part, upon the assumption that the maxiper 100 ft. for a flow of 250 gpm, and 12 pounds for 500 gpm, which is the capacity of two fire lines. For the same reason, it is undesirable to use 4-inch pipe for hydrant branches. Excellent fire protection is furnished in small communities by 6-inch pipe, either looped or in a gridiron system. However, when dead-end lines exceed 800 ft. in length, it is better to use 8-inch pipe.

Sections where there are small buildings occupying not more than based on the estimated population 20 years or more in the future.

Standards adopted by the California section of the AWWA covering capacities of water systems call for "combined capacities from all sources... at periods of maximum demand of a rate of flow... for 2 hours" based on a formula which considers the number of "customer units." If a customer unit is 4 people, a population of 1,000 would require about 480 gpm; a population of 2,000 about 650 gpm;

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mum daily consumption is 50% in excess of the average." Where canals, streams, ponds, wells and cisterns make a suction supply available to pumping engines, "this suction supply may be considered in its ability to offset" deficiencies in certain items "but not in excess of the pumper capacity available."

Effective fire streams require that pressures be maintained at the hydrant at the time of fire flow at about 60 pounds, though where buildings are low and scattered, this may be reduced to 50 pounds. Where fire engines are used, these can obtain an adequate supply of water if the hydrant pressure, during flow is only 20 psi. The best method is often to carry a pressure of 40 to 60 psi in the mains and depend on pumpers or fire protection.

Reliable fire protection requires such duplication of parts as to insure the required fire flow when such parts of the system as may reasonably be expected to become inoperative are out of use. The provision of storage offsets to a greater or less degree, depending on its amount and location, the need for such duplication.

The use of polluted supplies to augment capacity during fires is highly undesirable and should be considered only when no other source exists. It must be cleared with the State Department of Health, full provision being made for satisfactory emergency treatment.

Distribution Systems

The use of 4-inch mains for fire protection is undesirable. Friction loss in such pipe is about 3 pounds a third of the block frontage require two fire streams, or about 500 gpm. For effectiveness, hose lines should not exceed about 400 ft. in length; therefore, hydrants should normally be no more than 400 ft. apart in such areas; and closer in more densely built up areas. It is good practice to place one hydrant at each street intersection, and locate intermediate hydrants midway in the block, if the block is more than 350 to 400 ft. long.

Capacity Requirements

A survey some years ago, covering a large number of cities, showed that consumption of water varied from 40 to 528 gallons per capita per day; and in cities of less than 10,000 population, averaged 115 gpcd. There can be no set rules for estimating consumption. Local conditions are of maximum importance. The consumption of neighboring similar communities should be checked. Weight should be given to the need for irrigation; to possible industrial and commercial use: to air-conditioning possibilities; to metering of all services; and to pressure, quality of construction work and other factors. Generally at least 150 gpcd should be provided, and a population of 3,000 about 850 gpm. This formula gives high results for small communities.

A common defect in the design of small water systems is that inadequate provision is made for future enlargement or improvement. A source of supply may be selected which is definitely limited as to quantity; or a supply line laid which, within a few years is unable to supply the needed water and has to be replaced or reinforced, or a treatment plant is built which is difficult or impossible to add to later. Most small communities will always remain small; but water use does increase; and, to a reasonable degres, this increase should be provided for; or, at least, enlargement should be made as easy as possible. Also, softening or filtration may at some future time become desirable or necessary, and in the layout of the distribution system, consideration should be given to this, if it appears at all possible. Likewise, storage may be needed in the future. The distribution system layou: should, and usually can, be planned so as to avoid the necessity of laying, at some later date, a large pipe through paved streets in order to reach the storage site.

Factors in Planning Small Water Works

According to the census of 1940, there were 3,464 incorporated "urban" areas of more than 2,500 population; and, in addition, there were 3,205 incorporated "ural" areas with populations ranging from 1,000 to 2,500. There were only 2,042 cities of more than 5,000 population. If, as reported, there are approximately 12,000 water works of all sizes and types in this country, the great bulk of them are very small installations. In fact, approximately 83% of these 12,000 installations would have a probable daily water consumption of less than 0.5 mgd; and 60% of them would have a probable daily consumption of less than 0.1 mgd. In Texas, according to V. M. Ehlers, Director of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, there are "approximately 600 public water systems having capacities of 0.5 mgd or less. Systems of this capacity (0.5 mgd or less) comprise approximately two-thirds "of all Texas public water supply systems."



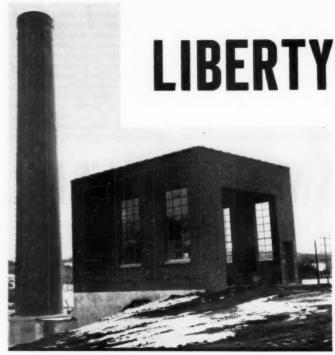
ONG in need of refuse disposal facilities, Liberty, New York, established a project for an incinerator as its contribution to the wartime "blueprint now" program. Preliminary sketches and estimates of costs were made and a bond issue of \$88,000 was voted. Tentative plans called for a 2-unit 60-ton plant. It was found, when the war ended, that the amount of money available was not sufficient to build the proposed plant.

The population of the village is about 6,000 for 10 months of the year, swelling to 11,000 in the two summer months. On this basis, a 60-ton plant could scarcely be justified, but it was the opinion of the consultant then handling the work that sufficient refuse would be brought in from hotels and boarding houses in the surrounding rural area to require a plant of this size; and that the charge of \$2 per ton for destroying this refuse would, to some extent, cover the operating costs of the plant.

Planning the New Plant

In 1948, W. A. Hardenbergh, who had grown up in Liberty, was requested by the Mayor and Village Board to work with the Superintendent of Public Works, John Lawrence, and the local engineer, Olney Borden, to develop a plant that could be built within the funds available to the village and that would meet its future needs. Further study was made of local conditions, and probable growth factors. From these studies it appeared that relatively little further population growth was likely within the next few years; that considerable accretions of refuse from outside the corporate limits were improbable; and that it would be more economical to operate a smaller plant 10, 12, or even 16 hours a day than to construct a larger plant. This was especially the case in view of the small winter collections and the difficulty in operating properly a large plant on the 5 or 6 tons expected to be collected daily during 10 months of the year.

The Village approved the recommendations of the engineers as fol-



 VIEW of the incinerator, showing entrance to charging floor. Site permitted easy access to both charging and stoking levels.

lows: To construct a 30-ton furnace in a building of suitable size, so designed as to permit construction alongside of it at a later date, if desired, of a similar building and furnace; and to construct a chimney large enough to handle two 30-ton furnaces, this to be offset slightly from the existing building so as to serve readily the future unit if and when built. A new location was selected which avoided costly access road and ramp construction, eliminated a rather steep approach to the plant, and provided convenient disposal of ashes on the existing village dump. This location also permitted easy connection to existing water lines and sewers.

Competition Assured

It was the desire of the village to have the fullest competition by established manufacturers of incinerators. Consequently, the specifications were drawn to permit both rectangular and round furnaces, or furnaces with mechanical stoking arrangements. A furnace burning capacity of 2,500 pounds per hour was required, based on refuse con-

taining 65% of garbage and 35% of refuse by weight, the mixture having a moisture content of not over 50% by weight and containing not more than 15% by weight of noncombustible material. Combustion chamber volume, auxiliary oil burner, grate area, firebrick lining and stoking clearances were specified, as well as other essential items in connection with the furnace. The chimney, to be 70 ft. high, of brick, and lined with firebrick, was required to have a top opening of not less than 15 sq. ft. based on the pos-

DATA ON THE LIBERTY INCINERATOR

Summer Population		11,000		
Winter Population			6,000	
Furnace Size 24 hrs.		-	0 tons	
Probable Refuse Char	racter	istic	rs:	
Garbage	65%	by	weight	
Refuse	35%	by	weight	
Moisture	50%	by	weight	
Non-Combustibles	15%	by	weight	
Chimney Height			70 ft.	
Chimney Design Basis		60 tons		
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Builds an Incinerator

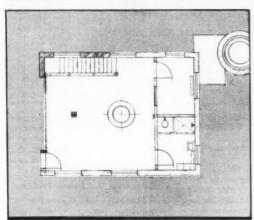
sibility of another furnace being added in the future.

The building was required to have a floor area of roughly 750 sq. ft.; and its details of construction and equipment were fixed by specifications. The charging floor is 13 ft. above the stoking floor; the stoking floor has an overhead clearance of 16 ft.; an office is provided and a toilet room, which includes a shower stall provided with hot and cold water. Heating is provided for the entire building by an oil burner; all doors are metal, with those providing truck entrance of the rolling

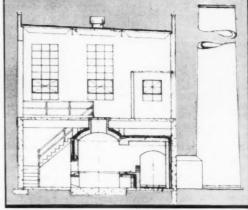
Incinerator Co. was accepted, in part due to the excellent floor plan provided. This company was second low bidder at \$65,500. The contract was awarded early in 1949, and construction began as soon as weather conditions permitted. The incinerator was completed in November, 1949; an acceptance test was run on December 13, under the direction of T. W. Cadmus of Nash, Cadmus & Voelker; and the plant was accepted. The test was run under difficult conditions of snow and rain: and in order to obtain sufficient refuse for the test, it was necessary to call on

chasing needed equipment for collection. Two trucks were purchased. One was equipped with a Heil refuse collection body and will be used for residential and market garbage collection; the other with a dump body will be used for rubbish collection. A third truck may be purchased later. Some of the remaining funds will be spent for minor additions and improvements to the plant. Because of the desire to insure bids within the \$83,500 available, only necessities were included in the specifications.

John Lawrence, Superintendent of



 PLAN of the charging floor shows how the chimney is offset to serve future unit.



 SECTION of incinerator building through charging chute, furnace and flue.

steel type and electrically operated. The building is brick-faced, with windows of steel sash. An electric hoist is provided for handling the charging hole cover.

Excellent Bids Received

Bids were received from all four recognized manufacturers of municipal incinerators. Those bids ranged from \$62,400 to about \$75,000 for the complete job; all of them complied fully with the specifications and any one of them would have proved an excellent purchase for the Village. The bid of the Nye Odorless

the neighboring village of Monticello, 12 miles distant, which sent four large Load Packer Truck loads.

Because of the amount of moisture in the refuse, the oil burner was started at 10:05 just after the start of the test, but was discontinued at 10:50 and not again used. The furnace showed its ability to surpass the requirements of the specifications, operating during the test at the rate of nearly 3,000 pounds per hour.

Since the cost of the incinerator was but \$65,500 and \$83,500 was at hand, funds were available for pur-

Public Works, is in charge of collection and disposal, the cost for which is paid from tax funds, no collection charge being made for either refuse or ashes. Frank Jewell was Mayor at the time of the award of the contract, later being succeeded by Richard Yaun. Other members of the Village Board were S. S. Sprague, Clifford Poley, Russell Hill and Richard Hartman.

The officials and citizens of Liberty are much pleased with their incinerator, which has performed excellently during the 6 months it has been in service.

SEWER INSECTS AND SEWER ODORS

LEON GARY

DRAINAGE is an ever-present problem in Houma. This city, located in South Central Louisiana, lies in flat, marshy country; it is only 10 feet above the Gulf of Mexico, which is 50 miles away. The sewage collection system suffers from flat grades and depends on sewer lift stations. These discharge the sewage to a main gravity sewer which, in turn, discharges to a main pumping station which forces the sewage through two miles of main to the treatment plant.

The sewer system and the treatment plant date back to 1930. A new plant is now under construction; meanwhile treatment is by Imhoff tank, filters and sludge drying beds. Like many other cities, Houma has outgrown its original system, for its popoulation has more than doubled in the past two decades.

The flat sewer grades and the ensuing deposits in the sewers, combined with the hot climate, presented a most pressing odor problem. Not only was odor a problem at the treatment plant, but citizens in many parts of the city complained vociferously. We had no immediate answer to the problem and we gave little thought to the insects that we noticed in sewer manholes.

Odor Control Experiments

Our No. 1 problem was odors and what could be done about them. We tried calcium hypochlorite solution which we applied at the various lift stations. Results were not satisfactory, though we continued to experiment and eventually applied it so liberally that the cost appeared prohibitive, even if it had been effective. We decided then to try

of Cloroben based on our total flow. ... ithin 24 hours of our first application, pleasantly successful results appeared. The sewage arrived at the plant odor-free and non-septic. Within a short time improvements were noted in the plant and in the effluent discharge canal.

The first day that Cloroben was

The first day that Cloroben was applied we noticed that the influent to the plant carried a mass of dead cockroaches. Workmen reported that when they put the dosing stations into operation, cockroaches were quickly driven out of cracks and crevices in the manholes. Most of them died before reaching the street or within a few feet of the manhole



 TEEMING roach population can be seen on the walls of this manhole. Cloroben treatment successfully exterminated the insects.

Cloroben, about which we had some hopeful reports.

In the summer of 1947, we obtained sufficient Cloroben to apply a dosage of 2 ppm to the sewage reaching the plant. Dosing stations were established at manholes at the heads of six laterals, selected to cover the principal sewage flow. The equipment for application consisted of two 30-gallon drums welded together to form a tank of 60 gallons capacity. A petcock was inserted near the bottom and this was opened just enough to give a steady drip into the sewer at a rate so that the 60 gallons were applied over a 24-hour period. A screen was placed behind the petcock to prevent clogging. These tanks were filled each morning by a member of the sewer maintenance crew. After adding the prescribed amount of Cloroben, he filled the tank with

During the first few days we applied a shock dose of about 10 ppm

opening. It did seem, however, that direct contact with Cloroben was necessary.

Attacking the Roach Problem

Our sewage lift stations had always been heavily infested with roaches and we decided to apply a direct spray to the wet well walls. We used a 1% solution and found the infestation to be beyond description. Our men were almost driven out; so instead of merely spraying the wet well walls, we sprayed the entire structure. The 1% solution did a thorough exterminating job. As a result, we decided to go still further and thereafter we disinfected sewers that were located near restaurants and schools. Now we have declared war on cockroaches and we find that the answer to roaches in sewers is neither difficult nor costly.

We make a solution of 1% Cloroben and fill a couple of 50-gallon (Continued on page 52)

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Septic Tank Design Data

Suggested modifications of the FHA requirements for home septic tanks have been made in a recent report of the Public Health Service. These recommended changes, which are incorporated in a 260-page report, "Studies on Household Sewage Disposal Systems", include the following: Location not less than 10 ft. from a property line and 50 ft. from any water supply. Liquid capacity 500 gals. minimum for 3 bedrooms or less, with a 50% increase for a household garbage grinder. Liquid depth, not less than 31/2 ft. Inside horizontal dimension not less than 24 ins. No compartment with capacity less than 125 gals. The tank must be watertight and provided with a manhole or removable cover. Inlet and outlet baffles must be provided.

Experimental work was carried on to determine the effect of salt discharges from home zeolite water softening units. It was found that these do not affect tank operation under normal conditions.

Georgia Water Plants

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verse condition of sand grains is more readily determined visually than is the case with anthracite. It is true the coarser grades of anthracite once advocated will give longer filter runs than the finer grades of sand but the quality of the effluent frequently suffers.

On another point the writer has a much firmer conviction: some form of mechanical agitation in addition to the conventional wash (at rates of 24 to 30 inches rise per minute) is highly desirable. It was a backward step when the profession discarded the principle of the mechanical rakes formerly used in the old circular filters. The sand in many of these old units where the rakes were kept in operation remained remarkably clean, free from incrustations, mud balls and slime growths after twenty or more years operation. Similar results may be obtained in small filters by manually agitating the sand during washing periods using a tool such as a long-handled garden rake.

Clear Water Storage

At plants where the major steps in the purification process are accomplished in single units, ample clear water storage capacity must be provided to permit closing down for such operations as draining, cleaning and refilling mixing and settling basins; cleaning filter sand; repairing pumps, rate controllers, etc.; or any other maintenance or repair work necessary. Underwriters' requirements for the most favorable insurance rates applicable to each town should be studied.

Almost without exception these small plants rely upon power purchased from the local distributing company. Power failures, while infrequent, may occur occasionally due to wind or ice storms or other causes. In an area-wide power failure, the smaller towns are usually the last to have power restored so provision for some form of standby pumping equipment is highly desirable. Such equipment may range from a gasoline engine, with belt drive, operating raw water or high service pumps to a complete gasoline driven generator set of sufficient capacity to power pumps and other electrical equipment and to provide

Laboratory Control Tests

The intelligent operation of even the smallest water purification plant without some laboratory control does not appear possible. It is imperative that such tests as those for chlorine residuals, alkalinity, pH and coagulant dosage be conducted as routine while others are desirable or essential at times. Few of these small plant operators have a high degree of chemical education yet many of them learn to perform these control tests with sufficient skill to produce remarkably good effluents. Should unusual treatment problems, beyond their realm of experience, occur they are encouraged to seek help from the State Health Department, their consulting engineers or from experienced operators in neighboring cities or larger towns either or all of whom are usually willing to aid in an emergency.

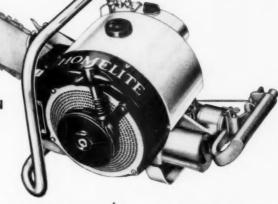
In conclusion it should be stressed that nothing which has been said is meant to convey the impression that any person is capable of operating a water purification plant. A high degree of technical education is fine but of even more importance are such traits as integrity, dependability and a keen sense of responsibility. Thanks to operators with these latter qualities plus a certain amount of practical mechanical skill, many small towns enjoy the benefits of excellent public water supplies. And for the load they carry these operators are the least appreciated and poorest paid of any public em-

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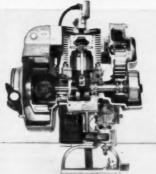
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In fact, we have become interested in cockroaches and we have much literature regarding them. Recent research tends to show that roaches are able to carry the organisms of many diseases. In "Insect Microbiology", by Prof. Steinhaus of Cornell, it is stated that the causative agents of anthrax, undulant fever, tetanus, diphtheria, typhoid, tuberculosis and dysentery have been found in the feces of cockroaches. Prof. O. B. Williams and others of the University of Texas made a study of 41 roaches, mostly collected in or near sewer manholes. All 41 were shown to be carriers of enteric organisms, some of which were definitely pathogens.

It is believed that health officers, in the light of these reports, should adopt a less tolerant attitude toward roaches. For our part, we have found out how we can control them and we intend to continue our program. We believe we are the first city to initiate a complete sewer insect extermination program.

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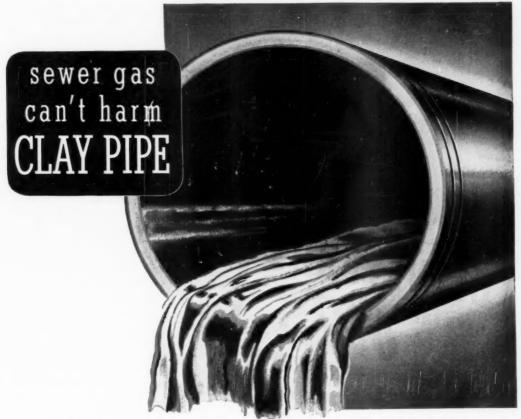
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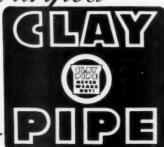
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New Diesel Raises Plant Efficiency

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12 months. With the new engine, 4500 rated horsepower-hours were obtained per gallon of lubricating oil.

The cooling system at Newton Falls is reported to be the first of its kind in Ohio. Engine jacket water and lubricating oil are both cooled by raw water from the river. The water flows by gravity from the river through a 24-inch pipe to a sump under the pump house. The bottom of this sump is four feet lower than the bottom of the river. Three turbine pumps of 5-hp capacity each, circulate this water through four vertical, open-head Vogt type coolers with enough capacity for engines up to 5000-hp. output. Three of the Vogt coolers are used for the engine jacket water and the fourth cools water for the shell and tube type lube oil cooler. During summer operation when cooling requirements are increased, the raw river water enters the coolers at approximately 70° F. and leaves at 105° F. The jacket water enters the coolers at 150° F. and returns to the engine at 135° F. The river water passes from the cooler to a discharge chamber from which it returns by gravity to the river. The engine jacket water is circulated by three 450-gpm. pumps.

The power plant is in charge of T. S. Kistler who is superintendent of both the power plant and adjoining water works. Consulting engineers for the Newton Falls installation were Carl J. Simon and Associates, Van Wert, Ohio.

Industrial Waste Problems in San Francisco

An industrial waste survey was initiated by San Francisco, Calif.. about two years ago. In the southeast district, 177 industries were visited, of which 94 discharged industrial wastes. Of these, the wastes from 12 required no treatment: present treatment facilities were adequate in 21: and additional treatment was required in 61 industries contributing about 3.17 mgd of wastes. In the North Point District, 588 industries were surveyed of which 309 had industrial wastes. The wastes from 70 of these required no treatment; present treatment was adequate at 54; and additional treatment was found necessary at 185 industries contributing 5.29 mgd of wastes.

Public Works ENGINEERING DATA

Cost of Laying Water Pipe

Costs of laying water mains in Augusta, Maine, during 1949, were as follows; 1-inch, 208 ft., cost of materials $37 \dot{\epsilon}$ and of labor $57 \dot{\epsilon}$; total cost per foot $94 \dot{\epsilon}$. 2-inch, 294 ft., cost of materials $66 \dot{\epsilon}$, of labor $72 \dot{\epsilon}$ and of equipment $16 \dot{\epsilon}$; total cost per ft. \$1.54. 6-inch, 6.197 ft., materials \$2.42, labor $71 \dot{\epsilon}$ and equipment $12 \dot{\epsilon}$, total cost per foot \$3.25. 8-inch, 2.547 ft., materials \$3.25, labor \$1.69 and equipment $47 \dot{\epsilon}$; total cost \$5.41 per ft.

Sedimentation Tank Performance

During the year ending June 30, 1949, the sedimentation tank performance at Detroit, Michigan, was as follows: Suspended Solids, average influent 227.9 ppm; average effluent 108.3 ppm; removal 52.4%. BOD, average influent, 139.5 ppm; average effluent, 78 ppm; removal 43.8%. Average removal of settleable solids was 75.9% Average detention time in the sedimentation tanks was 1.2 hrs., but varied from 1.5 hrs. to 1.0 hr.

Preventing Edge Raveling of Asphalt Pavement

Where attempts are made to produce a feather edge when resurfacing with asphalt material, raveling may occur when the edge of the new surfacing is too thin. San Francisco has found that it is better to leave a raised edge, from ½ to ¾ inch thick, with a 3-inch to 6-inch strip of tack coat left exposed. The raised edge does not interfere with traffic and during warm weather is worked down without raveling so as to leave a joint that is almost invisible.

Dual Fuel Diesels Produce Larger Profits

The Municipal power plant at La Junta, Colorado converted its 1,750-hp, 10-cylinder, 16 x 20, Fairbanks, Morse diesel to dual fuel operation a year ago. It has since added a new 2,000 hp. FM dual fuel engine, bringing plant capacity to 6,725 hp. Other older diesels are being converted to dual fuel with a fuel saving estimated to be more than \$50,000 per year.

During 1949, the 1,750-hp converted diesel was the mainstay of the plant, operating virtually all of the time and producing nearly 6 million kwh. Costs of gas and fuel oil were cut to 4 mills per kwh, and further refinements are expected to improve this figure.

In addition to providing the usual free services, estimated to be worth \$20,000 per year; to paying taxes of nearly \$10,000 a year; and to giving successive rate reductions, the municipally owned diesels in 9^{1}_{2} years have earned a net profit of \$664,573.

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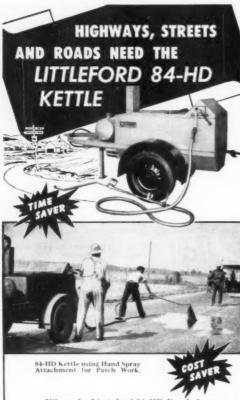
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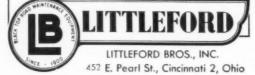
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Average Bid Prices, FAP, during 1949

Average bid prices on primary projects, Federal-Aid highway construction contracts awarded during the calendar year 1949 are as follows: Borrow, 54¢ per cu. yd.; common roadway excavation, 32¢; unclassified roadway excavation, 42¢; solid rock, \$1.14; structural excavation, common, dry, \$2.94; structural excavation, unclassified, \$3.47. Gravel and claygravel bases in place, 47¢ per sq. yd. or \$1.19 per cu. yd.; portland cement base \$3.77 per sq. yd.; surfaces, gravel and clay-gravel, in place, 15¢ per sq. yd. or \$1.32 per cu. yd.; portland cement concrete, \$3.25 per sq. yd.

Bituminous surface treatment, per sq. yd. 25¢; aggregate per ton, \$3.63; asphalt, per gal., 15¢. Bituminous road mix, per sq. yd., 48¢; per ton of aggregate \$2.29; per gal. of asphalt, 14¢. Bituminous concrete, per sq. yd. \$1.01. Pipe, cast iron 18-inch, \$12.28 per ft.; clay 6-inch, \$1.16; concrete reinforced 24inch, \$5.12; galvanized iron 24-inch \$4.62. Structural concrete, superstructures, \$46.61 per cu. yd.; substructures, \$45.61; foundations and footings, \$41.93.

Sludge Data From Detroit

During the past fiscal year in Detroit, sludge pumped to the digesters contained 10.4% solids; of these solids 59.2% were volatile. Gas yield per pound of solids was 4.05 cu. ft.; per pound of volatile solids added, production was 6.88 cu. ft.; and per pound of volatiles consumed, 20.70 cu. ft.

Bottled Gas for Making Pipe Joints

Bottled gas has been used advantageously for melting lead for making pipe joints at the Marion, O., Water Co. (American Water Works, Inc.), of which L. Otis Porter is manager. Using propane gas, it was found possible to heat a full pot of lead ready to use in less than 20 minutes; also more positive control of the temperature was possible. This device has not yet been used for melting sulphur compound joint material, but is believed entirely suitable.

Propane gas was also used for burning out old joints, both lead and sulphur compound, and proved very successful.

A record of cost was kept during the first stages of the work. It was found that the cost of operation while using the bottled gas was less than 20 cents per hour as compared to 33 cents per hour for the old type torches using kerosene.

A Jeep Equipped for All-Around Work

The Cleveland, O., Division of Parks has fitted out a jeep with special equipment to do all sorts of work. Equipment includes a Schramm air compressor, an Onan 110-volt AC distributor and a front-mounted 21/2-inch pump. The air compressor is used to operate pneumatic tools and the generator to run electric tools. The pump is used for pumping out wells, sumps, catch-basins, septic tanks, etc.

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This section digests and briefs the important articles appearing in the periodicals that reached this office prior to the 15th of the previous month. Appended are Bibliographies of all principal articles in these publications.

THE SEWERAGE AND REFUSE DIGEST

Housing Trickling Filters

Minnesota has for many years required that biological filters be housed. It gets cold in that state. Biological life increases in activity as temperature rises above freezing point. Housing increases upward ventilation through the filter because of the greater height of the air outlet in the roof of the house. Housing conceals objectionable appearance, aids odor control, lessens fly nuisance and unnecessary insect contact with filter flora. The cost of housing is much less with highrate filters than with the larger low-rate ones. It is customary to use wood roofs for spans up to 40 ft. and prestressed concrete domes for larger ones.

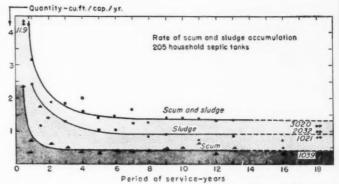
Hugh C. Leibee and Robert J. Ellison — "The Case for Housing Trickling Filters;" PUBLIC WORKS. May.

Septic Tank Design and Operation

The U. S. Public Health Service made a comprehensive investigation into all phases of septic tank practice in 1947 and 1948. Their findings, as reported, may be modified by further investigations of the effect of soil-absorbing characteristics for septic tank effluents. The first-stage findings are summarized as follows:

The functions of household septic tanks are settling, digesting and sludge storage. Variations in shape and depth of uncompartmented tank appear to affect efficiency only slightly if tank capacity is adequate.

Compartmentation is desirable. The study is not conclusive as to



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how it should be provided or as to optimum shape, size or number. Provision for cleaning of each compartment must be made.

No unequivocal conclusion can be drawn as to minimum design capacity for septic tanks. Tanks are seldom cleaned until trouble develops. Ample capacity must be provided to assure trouble-free periods of reasonable length and to prevent frequent and progressive damage to the effluent-absorption system due to sludge discharge from the tank. For these reasons, a minimum tank capacity of 500 gal. is recommended

Data from 205 septic tanks of various shapes and sizes, serving single-family residences in various parts of the country showed that during the five or six years after start of operation or cleaning—average per-capita accumulation of sludge and scum can be estimated from the formula:

V = 17 + 7.5 Y in which

V= volume of sludge and scum in gallons per capita

Y = years of service since cleaning. This equation holds for tanks with about 125-gal. liquid capacity. Larger solids accumulation may be expected in larger tanks, smaller accumulations in smaller ones.

Addition of yeast does not appear to accelerate sludge digestion. Seeding of tanks with digested sludge is advantageous.

Carefully constructed household septic-tank systems with gravelpacked tile lines and insulation of pipes under driveways will rarely freeze if kept in continuous operation. This applies even if tiles are laid above frost-penetration level.

"Designing and Operating Septic Tanks for Homes;" Engineering News-Record, April 20.

Disposal of Oil Emulsions

The best method of minimizing the problem of disposing of oil emulsions is to aerate them and keep them in motion as much as possible; bleed from the system as much emulsion as possible for other uses; and utilize the flotation unit for reclamation of spent washing solutions and emulsions used elsewhere.

M. A. Prutt—"Extended Use of Oil Emulsions to Minimize Disposal Problems;" Sewage and Industrial Wastes, March.

Wastes from Chicken Packing Plants

In a chicken packing plant, chickens are kept for about 3 days and then killed, bled, picked, cleaned but not eviscerated, chilled and frozen. Before being killed they are kept in wire cages in "batteries", and by far the greatest amount of B.O.D. and suspended solids in pounds per 1,000 chickens averaging 3 lb. in weight, is from the battery and feeding station. Some plants remove as much as possible of this before washing down the floors, others do not. The liquid wastes from the former contain only about 1/3 as much B.O.D. and suspended solids as those from the latter. Plants vary widely in the amount of water used per unit of 1.000 chickens-from

2,600 gal. to 7,000 gal. in the plants investigated in a study for the Delaware State Board of Health. The population equivalents per 1,000 chickens where all the manure is removed by the waste water averaged 500 for B.O.D. and 800 for s.s., and averaged 53 and 39 respectively where all the manure is removed before washing. Sedimentation removed an average of 85%. The sludge putrefies rapidly; digests readily. Sand filtration of settled wastes results in rapid clogging of the sand. High-rate trickling filters are the most feasible and economical method of secondary treatment.

H. Heukelekian, H. E. Orford and J. L. Cherry—"The Characteristics of Wastes from Chicken Packing Plants;" Sewage and Industrial

Wastes, April.

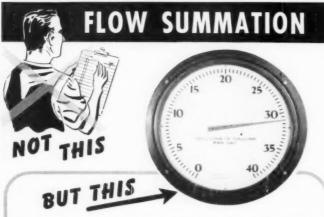
In a study conducted in the Kansas River basin by the U. S. Public Health Service, the waste flow from four plants was found to vary from 545 to 1850 gal. per 1.000 chickens, and the population equivalent averaged 110 on a B.O.D. basis and 70 on a SS basis, if blood and manure be included in the waste water.

Ralph Porges — "Wastes from Poultry Dressing Establishments:" Sewage and Industrial Wastes, April.

Air Diffusers for Activated Sludge

Several years ago, the engineers of the activated sludge plant of the Sanitary District of Chicago began a series of tests to determine what type and details of diffusers would be most satisfactory. Each of 8 tanks of the plant was fitted with a different diffuser system, and all were operated in parallel simultaneously for four or five years. The test conditions were: Equal quantities of identical mixed liquor influent to all tanks; uniform distribution of air throughout the length of each tank to insure uniform mixing; and the quantity of air to each tank adjusted to give the same D. O. at the effluents. Plates of 40, 80 and 120 permeability were used; and porous tubes of 40, 65 and 80 perm, each in several different arrangements: and pipes with slots 0.04" wide screwed into headers.

Some of the conclusions reached were: there was no difference in air economy between plates of different permeabilities. The air economy improved during the first year of service. It improved with increase in number of diffusers. Vertical plates show less air economy than horizontal ones. Power saved by reduced submergence is offset by the greater quantity of air required. Slotted



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tube diffusers are inferior to porous diffusers in air economy. The life of a porous diffuser before clogging becomes impermissible is determined by the total amount of air passed rather than by length of time in service, and is inversely proportional to the amount of dust in the air. The clogging rate is inversely proportional to the permeability rating.

An extension to the plant placed in operation in 1949 contains double air filtration; porous plates are of 80-permeability, except one tank of 120 for further testing; the plate ratio is 1:11.7, and the average operating rate is about 3 c.f.m. per plate.

Norval E. Anderson—"Tests and Studies on Air Diffusers for Activated Sludge;" Sewage and Industrial Wastes, April.

State Control of Industrial Wastes

The Washington State Pollution Control Commission is believed to be the first agency of its kind to establish procedures for in-plant prevention and reduction of industrial waste discharges to control stream pollution. The Commission's policy is to refrain from requiring waste treatment until waste reduction has been given a fair trial. Minimum requirements have been set for slaughter houses and meat packing plants, poultry killing, milk and milk products plants, canneries, wineries, breweries, wood handling mills, oil handling, tanneries, beet sugar factories, coal washeries, gravel washeries, flax processing, dehydration of vegetables, metal industries, and pulp and paper mills. In general, the aim is to eliminate from the plant effluent as much as possible of the solid matter. Floors are to be dry-cleaned before washing down; large solids to be screened out of effluent waters; and pieces of vegetables, blood, manure, grease etc., to be collected and disposed of separately.

"Minimum Requirements for the Control of Industrial Wastes;" Sewage and Industrial Wastes, April.

High-Rate Filters for Formaldehyde Wastes

Wastes from a plant producing synthetic resins and constituent products contained oils, phenols and other wastes on the acid side, but the major portion of the load was formaldehyde concentrations up to 5,000 ppm. Every known method of chemical treatment for destroying the formaldehyde was studied in the laboratory but none found satisfactory. Attempts to break it down by anaerobic digestion failed. A low-rate trickling filter gave good results for about two months, but then all the bacteria died in about two days. Then a high-rate trickling filter was tried, operated at a rate of 50 mgad with a 40 to 1 recycle ratio; the pH of the solution being corrected to about 7.0 with aqueous ammonia and the solution fortified with nutrients. It was suggested that the failure of the lowrate filter was due to the formation of insoluble compounds causing the death of bacteria by cutting them off from their food supply; whereas in the high-rate filter the accumulation is greatly reduced because of continuous sloughing.

On the basis of this study a plant was built in 1948. The filter was made with 6 ft. depth of 5"—3" stone, designed for a loading of 2.8 lb. per cu. yd. and 52 mgad. The settling basin was designed for 15 min. retention. The filtration was followed by lagooning. During a year's operation, formaldehyde removal by the filter varied from 15%



with a formaldehyde concentration of 266 ppm to 28% with a 360 ppm concentration. There was no filter fly problem.

B. W. Dickerson-"High Rate Trickling Filter Operation on Formaldehyde Wastes:"-Sewage and Industrial Wastes, April.

Composting Digested Sludge

Austin, Texas, grinds in a hammer mill the sludge from its activated sludge plant and sells the product for fertilizer, the demand for it exceeding the supply. Studies have been made to find an economical method of removing the odor and improving the fertilizer value. The method selected was to mix sawdust with the sludge on the drying beds. It can then be stripped 1 to 3 weeks sooner than if not so treated. It is piled for aging and turned several times to obtain rapid and true composting.

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HOW TO MEASURE TRADE WASTES ACCURATELY

In accordance with anti-pollution laws recently enacted by numerous states, most industries now face the task of purifying their plant wastes before discharging them into adjacent streams and rivers.

This purification process usually requires special plant construction, and invariably the necessity exists of obtaining flow data, whether this be the simple indication of flow rate or a more permanent method of recording and totalizing the flow through the plant. With purification processes of this kind, measuring equipment usually is located at the point of discharge of partially filled pipe or in open channels, where low heads or pressures exist and where measurement is either difficult or impossible when using standard forms of measuring instruments.

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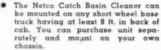


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Aluminum Alloys

(Continued from page 41)

minum equipment is usually lower in first cost than similar equipment fabricated from other non-ferrous metals, from genuine wrought iron and from the stainless steels; and in the great majority of sewage plant atmospheres aluminum has an equal, if not greater, resistance to corrosion.

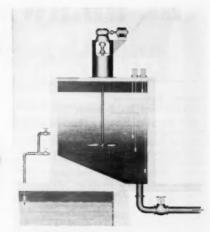
Aluminum alloys should not be considered as a cure-all for every problem with respect to sewage treatment plant equipment, nor should they be condemned because of a particular unsatisfactory application. Furthermore, it is important to understand that aluminum alloys are diverse in their properties and the successful use of the metal requires that the proper alloy be chosen. In some cases, an alclad aluminum alloy may be best for a sewage treatment plant application. This is especially true where the metal will be in direct contact with the sewage. Alclad products have a surface layer of aluminum or aluminum alloy which is anodic to the base alloy. By this means, protection is afforded not only by covering the base alloy but also by electrolytic action. Alloy selection, therefore, is fundamental to low maintenance and long life.

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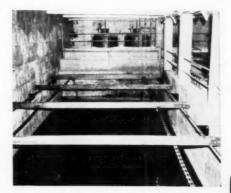


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Heating Pavements For Snow and Ice Removal

Michigan State Highway Dept. in 1948 installed, as an experiment, electrical heating elements in 500 lin. ft. of concrete and 500 of asphalt pavement on Highway M-102. The heating elements were standard sidewalk reinforcing mesh of 14gauge iron wire. These were designed to operate on 50 watts per sq. ft. The drop along the roadway was 0.3 volt per foot. Temperature controllers turned current on when the pavement temperature fell to 36° and off when it rose to 38°. During the 1948-49 winter the system operated 505.63 hr. at an operating cost of \$663.43, an average of \$1.31 per hr. The snow fall that winter was only about one-third of normal.

George E. Marolf—"Heating Pavements for Snow and Ice Removal;" PUBLIC WORKS, May.

Bonding Improvement of Heavily Traveled Roads

The state-collected revenues from highway users-principally gasoline taxes and license fees--in 1947 averaged 0.5 ct per vehicle-mile for the entire country, reaching 0.9 ct in some states. Probably less than 10% of the primary federal-aid roads are in urgent need of improvement. At 4,000 vehicles daily and 0.6 ct per vehicle-mile such roads earn an average of \$24 per mile per day, or \$8,760 a year. Some roads average 40,000 vehicles a day, earning \$87,600 a year. Capitalizing at 5%, these earnings warrant issuing bonds for \$175,200 to \$1,752,-000 per mile for immediate improvements, as a business proposition.

"Are Toll Roads the Only Answer:" Engineering News-Record, April 13.

Inclined Snow Fences

The normal method of erecting snow fences causes snow to accumulate to the leeward of the fence, to a distance from it roughly ten times its height. The Ontario Dept. of Highways conducted experiments with snow fence inclined at various angles and raised at various heights above the ground, the object being to induce the wind to blow down

onto and across the road, blowing the snow from it. The conclusions reached were:

 This method is definitely of value in certain locations, though it is by no means a cure-all.

Snow fence must be so installed that there is no possibility of its being plowed under by the normal snow-clearing operations.

3. The snow fence, if so erected as to take advantage of the prevailing wind, is a definite disadvantage in the case of the storm coming from a radically different direction.

No definite relationship appeared between the inclination of the fence and its effectiveness. Installations at the top-of-slope cuts appeared to give the best results.

C. Fraser—"Experiments with Elevated, Inclined Snow Fence on Ontario Roads;" Roads and Construction, April.

New Idea in Traffic Striping

The work preliminary to the painting of new stripes on roads offers an opportunity for the greatest reduction in cost and in hazard from those of the old method-"spotting" the line by hand at intervals along a rope stretched tightly between previously established points. The traffic striping crew of California Highway Dist. VIII has developed a plan for this purpose. A spray gun is mounted on the front bumper of a light express truck, with its nozzle about 3" above the pavement. The gun is actuated by a switch button on the steering post. A surveyor's transit is set up on an established point on the proposed line and sighted toward another such point about a half mile away. The spotting truck is driven toward the transit, slightly weaving across the line, and the transit man indicates when the spray gun is just in line. A push of the button then marks the spot. The spots are placed at intervals of about 50 ft. An idea not yet worked out is to have the spotting gun actuated directly by the transit man by radio control.

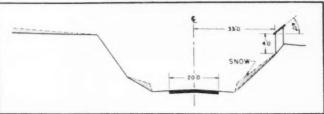
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Continuous Reinforcement

In the fall of 1938 a considerable number of continuously reinforced sections, ranging from 20 to 1,310 feet in length, were constructed near Stilesville, Indiana, on U S 40 as a cooperative research project to study the effects of varying amounts of longitudinal steel in sections of various lengths.

The behavior of the sections during the first 10 years of service life conclusively shows that continuous reinforcement can be depended upon to prevent the opening of transverse cracks in concrete pavements. In the long, heavily reinforced sections many fine cracks have developed in the central region. These cracks have not opened and have raveled only slightly with traffic and exposure, a condition that has required no maintenance and may be considered superficial. The sections have remained strong, durable structural units.

The presence of even the heaviest longitudinal bar reinforcement has apparently not affected adversely



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the condition of the concrete in the pavement. The concrete appears to be sound throughout, there has been no spalling, and there is a complete absence of longitudinal cracking above the bars. In fact, the manner in which the steel has held closed all cracks, especially those in the more heavily reinforced sections, is believed to have been conducive to distributed interfacial pressure at the cracks which should tend to minimize damage to the concrete from concentrations of pressure such as sometimes develop at cracks in plain concrete pavements.

Pumping has developed at many of the transverse joints but, with two exceptions, has not been observed at any of the vast number of transverse cracks. This indicates that a concrete pavement without transverse joints and containing adequate longitudinal reinforcement is not nearly so susceptible to pumping as pavements of other designs.

In spite of the many transverse cracks that have developed in the long sections, the riding quality of the pavement has remained excellent and the pavement itself has been protected from damaging impact forces such as tend to develop where the surface alinement is not maintained.

The experimental pavement is a 9-7-9 thickened-edge type, 20 ft. wide. The longitudinal reinforcing bars used were 1", ¾" ½" ¾" 3%" and ¼", spaced 6" c to c. Transverse bars were ½" and ¾" spaced 24" and ¾" spaced 12".

Harry D. Cashell and Sanford W. Benham — "Continuous Reinforcement in Concrete Pavement;" Public Roads, April.

One-Lane Bridges

Should any county build oneway bridges? A questionnaire on the subject brought replies from a number of county and state highway officials. The general opinion was that, in agricultural areas, a narrow bridge causes trouble because of the width of farm ma-chinery, regardless of the traffic count. There is danger of collision of head-on meeting cars. However, some counties are building them. Del Norte County, Calif., is now building a bridge 12 ft. wide and 200 ft. long on a road with a maximum traffic count of 20 cars a day. They also have one-way suspension bridges 10 ft. wide and 120 to 160 ft. long. States differ in their ideas of what width makes a bridge oneway. Kentucky considers a structure 18 ft. wide a one-way bridge. In Iowa, 16 ft. width is considered to provide a two-way crossing. In So. Dakota the minimum width for a one-lane structure is 14 ft., and for a two-lane traffic is 20 ft.; the latter costing 20% more than the former. Missouri also finds the increased cost is 20%, and designs onelane bridges for roads having an average daily traffic count of 50 or fewer vehicles. Marion Co., Kansas says: "It makes no difference what the traffic count may be on a bridge: you cannot get a 20 or 24-ft. combine over a bridge with 14 ft. clear width."

"What About the One-Way Bridge?" Better Roads, April.

A One-Man Concrete Paver

During the past two years, ngineers of the Iowa Highway Commission, have developed a machine which combines the operations normally performed by a spreader, transverse finishing machine and longitudinal float. It uses readymixed concrete: is operated by one man. It lays a 10 ft. lane of 6° con-

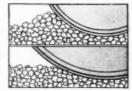




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crete at rates up to 10 ft. per min. Runners on the sides act as forms. The key to the entire operation is in vibrating the concrete. It is believed that it is practicable to lay a 22 ft. or wider lane at one pass, and install reinforcement.

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Grid Roller Reduces Pavement Salvage Costs

For salvaging a 10-year old roadmix pavement, a Hyster grid roller, a power grader and a Caterpillar 35 tractor were used. The pavement was first sacrificed with the tractor or grader pulling the roller; several further passes were then made to break up the material; the grader windrowed the pulverized material to one side of the road; the subgrade was compacted: the windrow spread back over the base with the blade grader; and this was compacted with the roller. The surface was then placed and finished with a smooth roller. One man salvaged up to a mile of the road per day, full width.

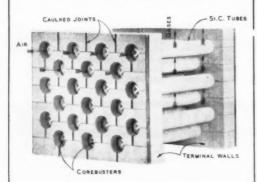
On a 16-year old road mix pavement was first scarified with the cleaner and a 1-ton counterweight, hauled by a No. 12 Caterpillar motor grader, pulverized 77,088 sq. yds. of surface at a cost of 2 cents per sq. yd. Due to the complete breaking up of the old surfacing, the amount of oil required per sq. yd for retreatment was reduced from 1 gal, to 0.75 gal.



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Effects of DDT on Persons

study has been reported by the A Navy of the effect of DDT on persons who have been in prolonged environmental contact with this insecticide during malaria, insect pest and rodent control operations at established bases.

Because of the active participation of military personnel in preventive medicine programs on overseas bases and in the continental United States, a preliminary study was conducted by the investigators on a long series of laborers presenting unusual and prolonged environmental contact with DDT. A special effort was made to obtain the cooperation of those persons who presented histories of lengthy contact without regards to medical examination as the primary method of separation. Selected individuals most likely to demonstrate DDT concentrations in fat depots of the body were taken from experienced malaria, pest, and rodent control personnel. Their chief occupations consisted of compounding and mixing DDT-oil formulations, the dissemination of these solutions by means of the DDT-fog generator, the application of larvicides and adulticides by means of knapsack and power sprayers or the distribution of DDT dusts by hand-operated dusters in routine pest control operations.

This study represents the first effort chemically to detect DDT in biopsied fat from apparently healthy human subjects. In addition to tissue examination, 24-hour urine samples, feces and whole and citrated blood were obtained for chemical analyses. In the first series recently completed. no DDT was detected in the material under study from 16 individuals detailing histories of exposure by contact for periods varying from 6 months to 3 years; one subject presented a history of daily contact for a period of 5 years.

These negative results obtained from human volunteers are considered to be important and significant. Because DDT is preferentially contained in fat, its presence represents actual storage rather than passive or temporary flooding of organs of fatty tissues. The authors are led to conclude, therefore, that, (a) handlers utilizing normal precautionary measures not only fail to exhibit symptoms of DDT poisoning, but, (b) show no chemically detectable accumulation of DDT in body fat as a result of prolonged external contact with this agent. It likewise indicates that malaria control operators can safely utilize the services of personnel over long periods of time without fear of developing toxic tissue levels of DDT.

Military personnel and their dependents exposed to DDT in areas where nightly fog applications are made have not exhibited any untoward reactions to oil fog or DDT proper. In many instances these subjects have been residents of endemic fog areas for 3 years or longer. It is felt that the cross-section of population represented on 3 large Marine Corps bases provided an adequate sample from which the epidemiologic and clinical observations were made.

Adequate personnel protection, adherence to recommendations for use, and the careful indoctrination and rotation of exposed individuals through varied duties within the organization have been in part responsible for the small number of toxicities known to date.

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Fire Protection For Logan Airport

Logan Airport covers an area of about 2,000 acres. While some water is needed for domestic consumption, by far the largest demand is for fire protection. Based on the recommendations of the New England Fire Insurance Rating Ass'n, it was thought necessary to provide for a demand of 15,000 gpm. A sufficient amount of water could be obtained from the Boston Metropolitan system, but the mains of that system were not large enough to deliver it at that rate. Sea water was available in unlimited amount, but it was not considered advisable to use it.

The author says that of the several salt water supplies along the New England coast, he knows of four systems that have been abandoned: the high-pressure fire system in Boston; the fire-supply mains at the Navy Fuel Depot, East Boston; the fire-supply mains at the Navy Shipyard in Hingham, and the fire-supply mains at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island. The latter three installations were converted to fresh-water systems, but in Boston the mains were entirely abandoned.

The principal reasons for the abandonment of these salt-water systems were that the suction intakes foul up very rapidly with marine growths; the mains, valves and fittings rust and corrode more rapidly, and, in the case of Boston, it was found that in many instances the salt water did more damage to the merchandise and equipment in buildings than the fire itself.

The plan adopted was to bring a 36" supply main from the Metropolitan system and a 24" main from the Boston distribution system, and to provide three 750,000-gal. steel storage reservoirs and a pumping plant to draw the fire supply from them. The tanks will be set about a foot above grade; tanks elevated sufficiently to give direct pressure were not considered permissible by the aeronautics authorities. The pumping plant will contain 5 electric motor-driven turbine pumps with a rated capacity of 2,600 gpm, and two 3.200 gpm centrifugal pumps with dual electric gasoline-engine drive. The Boston Edison Co. will erect

two unit substations at the airport, and by means of an interconnection feature the pumps can draw power from either of these.

George W. Coffin—"Water Supply for the Logan Airport;" Journal, New England Water Works Ass'n, March.

Use of Chlorine Dioxide

Chlorine dioxide was in use by well over 100 municipal water supplies in 1949. It serves a number of purposes. It handles taste and odor problems due to phenolic and other industrial wastes, sewage, algae and decomposed vegetation. It aids in maintaining an active chlorine residual in the distribution system. Its bactericidal properties are equal to or better than chlorine against numerous organisms. It is easy to use and does not require special laboratory control.

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Electric Analyzer For Pipeline Networks

The author describes a direct electrical-analogy method of pipeline network analysis which eliminates all calculations beyond a simple change of scale. It may be used either to evaluate flows and head losses for all pipelines in a network, or to determine, from a single measurement, the value of total head loss between any two points in the network. It is rapid and flexible and permits comparisons

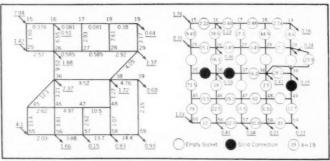
of performance to be made easily among alternate plans proposed for extensions to or improvements in the pipeline network and its source of supply.

Each pipe line is represented by a special nonlinear resistor, instead of a linear resistor as in previous methods. Each nonlinear resistor consists of a tungsten filament mounted in an evacuated glass bulb. The voltage across this filament varies with the current through it, as friction head loss varies with flow rate in the pipe line it represents. A set of these resistors is interconnected according to the plan of the pipe-line network. brightness of the incandescent filaments indicates which have the largest head losses. The values of head losses and flow rates are read directly from special scales.

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Water Hammer In Los Angeles

The water distribution system of Los Angeles is divided into several pressure zones varying in elevation from zero to 1719 ft. above sea level. They are separated by 104 pressure regulators which vary from one 2" to three 12". Both globe type and plug type valves are used for regulating pressure, controlled by pilot valves. If a pressure regulator should stay open for any reason, high-pressure water would enter a low-pressure zone, and a pressure-



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To prevent water hammer caused by closing gates, crews are trained to close the last 25% slowly. It is desirable to have a pressure gauge connected upstream from a large valve to warn of too great a rise in pressure. With a pressure of 40 psi in the highest part of a hilly zone, it may be 200 psi in the lowest part, and many consumers use individual pressure regulators. Should the seats of these become worn, they may cause water hammer reaching 100 psi.

Alexander C. Rener—"Los Angeles, Experience with Water Hammer;" Journal, American Water Works Ass'n, April.

Asphalt in Hydraulic Works

The author advocates the use of asphaltic concrete for lining and facing reservoirs, canals, dams and storm channels. He does not advise the general use of other kinds of asphalt linings such as sprayed membranes, surface treatments or mixedin-place types. Los Angeles, Calif., is lining a reservoir with nearly 1,000,000 sq. ft. of asphaltic concrete, and Brawley, Calif., is placing more than 500,000 sq. ft. Long experience has demonstrated that, where weed growth is to be expected, 40-60 penetration asphalt should be used. For other conditions, 85-100 penetration grade is recommended. It is found that properly compacted mixtures are impervious to the passage of water if the asphalt content is 61/2% or more. Experience indicates that such linings can be expected to have a service life far in excess of 25 yr. The cost for this type of work in Southern California has averaged very close to 13 c. per sq. ft. for 3" linings.

J. M. Lackey—"The Use of Asphalt in Hydraulic Work;" Journal, American Water Works Assn, April.

Use of Anthrafilt

Anthrafilt as now furnished weighs about 53 lb. per cu. ft. Losses due to attrition in filters amount to 0.2% per year. Being pure carbon it has no chemical reaction with either acid or alkaline water. Tests have shown that .60-.80 mm anthracite as a filter medium can produce good quality effluent at considerably higher rates, with longer runs and less wash water, than is possible with comparable sizes of sand; and that larger sizes and higher rates are practicable. Users of anthrafilt have reported as advantages, saving in wash water, cleaner filters, longer runs, and less time out for washing. Some report more loss of filter medium than in sand filters, but this probably can be prevented by more care in washing.

J. A. Oldenburg—"How Anthrafilt Is Used in Water Filtration;" PUBLIC WORKS, May.

Effect on Bacteria of Partial Demineralization

(An interesting feature of this paper is that the authors are connected with the Weizmann Inst. of Science, located in the newest country—Israel.)

In the course of a project to devise and test economic methods of demineralizing brackish waters, the question of the bacteriological purity of the treated water arose and a study was made, resulting in the following conclusions:

1. Bacteriological examination of



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samples from a pilot plant for partial demineralization of brackish waters showed that the cation-exchange effluent was free of bacteria, while the anion-exchange effluent was heavily contaminated.

2. Laboratory experiments using sterilized apparatus showed that partial demineralization of a soft, brackish water, with about 2,000 ppm. dissolved solids, containing about 1,000 Esch. coli per milliliter, caused complete destruction of the bacteria at the beginning of the run, and, when the resins neared exhaustion, less than 10 and 100 bacteria per milliliter were found in the cation and anion exchanger effluents, respectively.

K. S. Spiegler and Esther Hellinger
—"Effect of Partial Demineralization
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Metallizing to Combat Corrosion

Sprayed zinc and aluminum coatings stand up much longer than galvanized or paint coatings, chiefly because much heavier coatings can be applied. They give electrochemical as well as physical protection. They provide surface pores which are a better base for paint than a sandblasted surface. They are lower in cost per year of service life. They cost a minimum of 50 ct. a sq. ft. for 0.01" thickness, but last at least 25 yr.; giving an annual cost of 2 or 3 ct. per sq. ft. per yr.

Coating should be preceded by sand blasting with hard, sharp, angular silica or flint sand. If the surfase is to be immersed in water, about .0015" of low-carbon steel should be applied as a pre-coat. Electrical thickness gauges measure the thickness or non-magnetic coatings. For underground pipes in acid soil, aluminum is preferable; zinc is better for slightly alkaline conditions.

John E. Wakefield—"Metallizing
—A Waterworks Maintenance Tool;"

American City, May.

A New Method of Prestressing Water Tanks

The first use of this method was in constructing, at Monterey Park, Calif., a million-gallon reservoir of 90 ft. diameter, 27 ft. high. The walls are 10" thick at the bottom and 5" at the top, composed entirely of gunite, reinforced with $\frac{5}{6}$ " round bars and 4" x 4" No. 8 wire mesh. An outside form was erected, the reinforcing placed, and gunite was shot against the form in layers, ending with a thin layer using screened

plaster sand finished with a steel float. After 3 days the forms were stripped, the outer surface sandblasted, and 48 tension rods placed around the tank in rings spaced at intervals varying from 2" at the bottom to 16" at the top of the wall. These tension rods were made of 1° round deformed reinforcing bars furnished in 60 ft. lengths, electric arc-welded at laps. To produce the prestressing, each bar was pryed outward from the wall until under a stress of 25,000 psi, when a steel wedge was dropped between the bar and the wall. This was repeated at 4-ft. intervals throughout the length of each hoop. When this had been completed, the tank was filled with water and kept full for 30 days. No leaks developed. The outside was then covered with gunite giving a minimum thickness of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " over the rods.

Don Hull McCreery—"Monterey Park Reservoir Introduces New Method of Prestressing Concrete;" American City, May.

Fire Protection For New Districts

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rates in a new district, it is necessary either to strengthen the existing system by installing additional main capacity or to provide storage connected to the system by a main not smaller than 12". The storage may be in elevated tanks, or in ground reservoirs with pumps delivering into the distribution system. The latter proves satisfactory, with at least two pumps with reliable power supply. If the new district is at such an elevation that the existing system can not furnish satisfactory pressure, a high service supply is practically always provided by pumping from the existing system; the pumping station being located at a storage reservoir or elevated tank if there is one on the low service available. Elevated storage should be provided on all high services supplied by pumping stations, as this provides a supply for fire protection, more uniform pressures and pumping rates, and a cushion against surges. Instead of a high-service pumping station drawing from low-service storage, if there is no such storage booster pumps will be used taking suction directly from the low-service mains.

These usually are not large enough to supply the water to the pumps at the necessary rate and a new main or mains is necessary. In some small booster stations there are separate pumps for domestic and for fire use, since the demands of the two differ widely.

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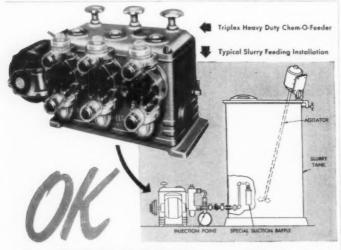
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Safety for Center-Lining Crews

The North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission specifications for the protection of center-lining crews were published in a recent issue of the National Safety Council News Letter. These specifications cover the following sound practices:

1. Each centerline crew should have the front first and rear last vehicle equipped with an 8-inch red blinker. These lights should be near the center of the vehicle and

mounted high.

2. The front and rear vehicles of the painting operation should each be equipped with a sign bordered by 45 degree cross-hatched stripes. (If only one vehicle is used, it should carry a sign at each end.) These signs should be mounted high on the vehicle and be 5 feet x 21/2 feet with the message "Keep right" and an arrow and skull and crossbones.

3. All vehicles used in the painting operation should have red flags displayed conspicuously.

4. It is desirable to have a flagman both in front and at the rear of the painting operation.

5. When a very small paint machine is used and is operated by one man, it should be led and followed by other vehicles with the proper warnings displayed.

6. Large signs (6 feet x 41/2 feet) should be placed on each side of the painting work, well in advance. They should be moved frequently enough that they will not be more than two miles from the painting equipment.

7. If the paint capacity of the equipment is small and frequent filling is necessary, it is advisable to have a fire extinguisher along with the unit.

8. The practice of placing cans on the road to protect a wet line should be discontinued, as should the practice of placing wood blocks for this protection. Instead, it is recommended that some protective device be used which is made of rubber or pliable plastic material. Several such devices are available in the shape of tall cones or Z-bars.

Signs 24-inch x 24-inch should be placed periodically on center lines with the necessary messages, such as "Slow to 30 mph," "Wet Paint." and on or near the paint machine, "Drive on Shoulder.

Safety Benefits in Bangor

At the close of the year 1949, according to the National Safety Council, not a single Bangor, Me., city employee was absent from his work on account of a 1949 injury; the city was paying no compensation insurance wages to any city employee for 1949 injuries; and there was no outstanding medical charge for 1949 injury. During the year, with a manhour exposure of 1.25 million hours, the city had a frequency rate of 23; there were 29 lost-time injuries; and 348 days were lost.



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Mechanized Highway Maintenance

To cope with the increasing costs of labor, Wayne County, Mich., has developed the use of mechanical equipment, and by this means has been able to decrease unit costs of maintenance. Road ditches are cleaned by machines, one unit pushing the dirt to the edge of the roadway and another picking it up and loading it into a truck.

For shallow ditches, a dieselpowered grader with a vertical blade attachment for back-sloping has saved many hours of labor. For larger and deeper ditches, a backfilling machine has been adapted to

the work.

One of the largest items of maintenance on a gravel road consists of reshaping the surface. This is necessary several times a year to remove ruts and washboards, and to push the loose gravel toward the center. This operation has been completely mechanized by using motor graders and truck scrapers. The truckmounted scraper is located between the front and rear wheels of a truck. It has added speed to the blading operation and also economy.

The acquisition of power driven chain saws has reduced the cost of tree removal approximately onethird. Where it is necessary to remove stumps, an air compressor equipped with proper tools, including sharp asphalt spades, is used and the work is done with less labor and in a shorter time. Such equipment has simplified tree trimming and the removal of dead trees. During the past year, nearly a thousand dead trees were removed from roadsides throughout Wayne County.

Chemicals have given excellent results in weed control. 2.4-D and its estaron derivatives have been used, mostly the liquid types. Four pints of this material in 100 gallons of water are applied per acre, using spray guns with 100 lbs. working pressure. Spraying for poison ivy control was done over 1,000 acres of Middle Rouge Parkway, with excellent results. The control of weeds reduced the costs of mowing.

In order to reduce the expense of patching old surfaces, a new method was developed. Instead of a continuous resurfacing job which would require considerable new material. only the worst sections of the pavement are resurfaced. Also, instead of the usual application of 1-inch binder course topped with a 1-inch wearing surface, a single application 1 inch in thickness is used. This means that sections of the roadway 200 to 1,000 ft. in lengths are resurfaced with the 1-inch asphaltic concrete, and that sections of equal or greater length not so seriously in need of repair are skipped. The asphaltic mix used for this work differs slightly in the gradation of aggregates from the regular 2-inch resurfacing used. The size of aggregates is roughly the medium of those used heretofore for the binder and wearing courses. The result is a "tight" surface that gives good stability and satisfactory riding and wearing qualities.

Skin patching has also been used on concrete pavements which have scaled. The road surface is first cleaned: it is then given an application of light cutback asphalt or emulsion, upon which a thin layer of stone chips is spread and rolled.

John E. Hiltz is engineer of highway maintenance for Wayne County, and Milford N. Brown is general superintendent. Carl F. Martin is in charge of roadside development. These data are from the 43rd annual report of the Board of County Road Commissioners

Power Requirements for **Pumping Sewage**

The power required for pumping sewage in terms of kwh per million gallons lifted one foot have been reported by the Bureau of Engineering of San Francisco. In the table below, flow is shown in million gallons per day, head is the average operating head in feet, and kwh is per million foot gallons.

Station	Flow	Head	kwh	
Marina	5.85	38.0	5.09	
Commercial	0.74	20.0	6.34	
Seacliff #1	0.0021	49.0	6.50	
Seacliff #2	1.48	94.0	6.06	
Parkmerced	0.388	123.0	5.51	
Vicente	0.127	56.0	6.92	
Fitzgerald	0.070	48.0	7.00	
Pinelake	0.0016	56.0	9.20	
Hyde	0.0265	29.0	7.6	

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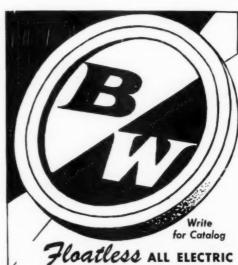
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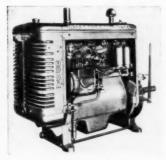
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Charles C. Agar, chief of the Water Pollution Control Section of the New York state Department of Health, died on Feb. 15. He was a veteran of both wars; in World War II he was in the Sanitary Corps and he held the rank of Lt. Col. in the reserve.

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AWWA has tentatively set dates for meetings, as follows: 1950, New Orleans, La., Hotel Roosevelt, Oct. 15 to 18; 1951, Ft. Worth, Texas, Hotel Texas, Oct. 14 to 17; 1952, Little Rock, Ark., Hotel Marion, Oct. 12 to 15.

The 1950 North Carolina Water Works Operators' School will be held at Chapel Hill, N. C., June 4 to 9, in cooperation with the North Carolina Section AWWA. Clifford Pace is Asst. Director, Institute of Government, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The New England Water Works Association will hold its 69th annual convention at Poland Springs, Maine, Sept. 17 to 20.

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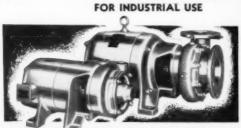
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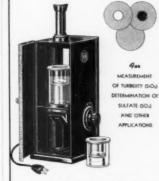
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WORTH TELLING... By Arthur K. Akers

We went out to the **Dorr Company** house-warming of their new Stamford, Conn., offices on April 27. A color movie of "The Dorr Way," and tours of the offices and the research laboratories at near-by Westport, made up the serious side. Later a few simple home remedies for housemaid's knee, parched throats, or whatever else ailed us were dispensed by a bevy of Dorrco beauties. A good job and a good time sums it up.

D. Birney Stokes, vice president, sales, of the United States Pipe and Foundry Company, announces these July 1 changes: Carl N. Brown, from Chicago to assistant general sales manager, at Burlington, N. J.; Howard A. Hoffer, takes charge of all export and eastern division sales; J. Leslie Hart is advanced to western sales manager, at Chicago; Thomas B. Irwin becomes Kansas City sales agent, vice Harry D. Wade who becomes assistant to Mr. Hart in Chicago.

A \$350,000 plant expansion of the Wayne Division of Gar Wood Industries is under way in Wayne, Mich. When completed, manufacture of such equipment as the Load-Packer refuse collection unit will be switched to Wayne from Highland Park.

No Gallup polls are needed when E. H. Thwaits, vice-president of The Preload Corporation, New York, runs for water commissioner on his native heath, Plandome, Long Island. Ed. went in originally with 9 votes. This year he won with an earth-shaking 17. In Plandome, that's practically election by acclamation.

Link-Belt Company, Chicago, has elevated D. E. Davidson, formerly general manager, to vice-president. Eugene P. Berg succeeds him as general manager.

Mack Trucks news includes naming of A. F. Fenner as general sales manager with headquarters in Chicago; P. J. Degnon becomes manager of the eastern sales division. E. G. Ewell is now general sales manager of the Eastern, Atlantic, and Southern sales divisions, in New York.

Speaking of clay pipe, nearly 70 manufacturers and representatives of the industry held a 3-day conference in Chicago in March. National Fireproofing Company of Pittsburgh, which recently converted its Brazil, Indiana, plant to the manufacture of clay pipe, was welcomed to the manufacturers group.



Walter H. Feldmann is new vice president in charge of sales for Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation, Harrison, N. J.

Mr. Feldmann

Ray Cartwright is announced as the new manager of The Standard Steel Works' road equipment division, Kansas City, Mo.

Charles O. Evans has been appointed district representative for the sales of Galion motor graders and rollers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming.

At Fairbanks, Morse & Company, O. O. Lewis has been elected vice president in charge of sales.

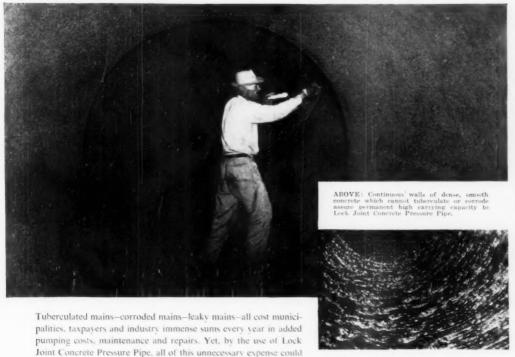
Allis-Chalmers news includes: Otho V. Tally announced as manager of their midwest region, at Chicago; and R. D. Moody manager of Los Angeles district, succeeding C. W. Schweers who becomes manager of the New England region, at Boston.

The Cataphote Corporation, Toledo, has built a new plant at Jackson, Miss., to expand their manufacture of glass beads and spheres for highway striping and traffic signs.

If we had seen **Tom Quigley**, advertising manager of **Wallace & Tiernan**, lately he would have told us this one. A New Jersey high-schooler clattered and smelled to a stop at a toll-bridge in his ancient jalopy.

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